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July. 6. Church Meeting.

Being assembled, the meeting was opened in the usual manner — After the first Anthem was sung, the seats were brought forward — We sat down & Elder John Martin read an inspired Book, which was given at Holy Mount New Lebanon concerning the true Order of the God-head — The existance of Original Evil — & the conception & birth of the Two Anointed Ones — The Holy Savior & Blessed Mother Ann the Head of the new Creation of God. — This communication was the most satisfactory of any thing I ever heard on the subject. —

After laboring a few songs we were visited by a large company of Holy Angels, one of whom addressed us thro an instrument, to the following effect —

"Behold O my people, what I now say is that which you have heard from time to time — It is nevertheless the word of the most high God, & it shall be given you in a way in which ye shall be able to understand the meaning — Let every soul be engaged, there is no time to sleep and slumber in this day of light, but every soul should be awake & able to sense the goodness of their Heavenly Father, by daily keeping his holy Year & putting their hands to work and their hearts to God, in the line and way as directed by his visible Order — Hear ye my words at this time. — What I mean by putting your hands to work & your hearts to God, is not merely to do what you are requested by those who direct in temporal things — but to improve all your hours in doing good & let no time pass idly by — Ye know not all the plans of the enemy — neither do ye know what is cloaked in the wisdom of God — but these words are

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as unchangeable as the living God, & may be relied on with safety: "Hands to work & hearts to God"— The Enemy only wants to lead you one step at a time; for if he should aim at more he would open your eyes & hazard being detected. & his designs frustrated - but if he can lead you one step & lull you to sleep making you feel secure he will be encouraged to lead you on & on till your soul is lost.— It hath not entered into the heart of man the good things that God has laid up for those who faithfully serve him; but remember, one half hour spent in idleness & the pleasures of time will do you great harm— put ye on the fear of God & in obedience to his word ye shall from this time be blest in your undertakings"— The Instrument then bore witness to the mighty power of God as a burning fire that was now poured out upon the Assembly - which was also witnessed by a number—

After more exercise the same Instrument (a) said he could testify that he saw in this meeting that the heavens & Earth had drawn nigh together— (a short pause, under agitation,) exclaimed in the form of a query: Who knows, who can tell what God will yet do in this branch of his Zion?! What means this pulling one this way and one that— one building up and one pulling down— One saying I'll be obedient thus & so, but will take liberty to judge of what I please— you may say so & so & I will think so & so &c— The day is at hand & is even now come when, if we do not stand united and purge out the evil & discordant spirits we will all perish together— There is here at this time a mighty Angel from the East; he is covered with beauty - he is clothed with power to do the will of God— The day is come when the separation will be made between the precious and the vile

and that line will be drawn, over which if they pass, destruction will be their fate— Yea the day is come when the wicked will see that the work of God is one work & all shall be made able to feel it— (a short pause, under heavy labor of mind) he resumed— I feel poor I needy— I feel utterly unable to portray the spirit of inspiration that is given me at this time— there is a great flow of it at this time poured upon the body— I feel mean in the sight of God— It is I who am possessed of evil— It is I who have a fleshly nature that stands opposed to good— I can find plenty in myself, without looking to others— I do want the prayers of all my good Brethren & Sisters, and I will covenant that I will come into the work of God more thoroughly than ever I have done— I will crucify the flesh in myself, & not look to other souls to find something to purge out— It is me that feels now to supplicate my good Ministry, Elders, Brethren and Sisters to help me to do the work in my own soul, that the increasing work of God demands— And now saith a holy Angel, "The light of heaven is poured upon you more abundantly than Ever & all that will receive it shall be able to see more clearly every thing that stands opposed to the Work of God"— Another Instrument spake, saying:

The bright heralds of God are flying over our heads saying: "Know ye O Zion, We visit every branch of Zion & behold we wing our way over the Earth, from the East to the West & from the North to the South, to awaken up souls and prepare them for the gospel— O Zion! O Zion prepare prepare to receive the souls that will be sent unto you: for Lo! sorrow yea sorrow doth mark their steps, 70 is the number now present on this mission"— Instrument [illegible]

An inspired Anthem was then sung as follows by [illegible]— Hear, Hear ye O Zion, for lo the day of the Lord Almighty is

Almighty is at hand, and his precious word is not yet ended with you. — Behold O Zion the beautiful gifts of Heaven hear the sweet sounds that come from the mansions above — Heaven & Earth shall join the sweet chorus with the holy Angels of light who goeth to them that cry for help. — O sound ye, sound ye your trumpets with the power of God, Yea with the Angels that go forth to do the work of the Lord — Prepare, prepare O Zion to receive the lost Nations of the earth; for behold they come to find a place of rest for their souls. So prepare ye; for they shall be upheld by the strength, by the light & by the power of the Lord God in his Zion in this place." — end of Anthem. —

Another Instrument spake thus: "Mark ye well the day of this date says the Holy Angel — from this day shall Zion's light increase — mark well the day — I will kindle the flame that will purify her courts — Yea from this day shall the work of Inspiration increase, & all who will may receive the mighty power of God". — One of the 70 holy Angels has planted the tree of charity by the fountain, that all may receive charity therefrom if they desire it" — We all then partook of the fruit of this tree. —

Another holy Angel desired to speak if in union. We — "I am a holy Angel that is sent at this time from the holy throne of God to effect his most holy will — I am the holy Angel of decision that will effect a separation, between the servants of God and the servants of evil; for this purpose have I come at this time to do his will — It is not, saith the Angel, in the power of mortals to know what is in the future, nor what will be the work of the Angels in this place — I saw this Zion afar off — I examined her Watchmen & found that they slept not, but were watchful at their posts

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But I looked again among the flock & found that some slept and behold now my work is of God & who may hinder? my command is from Him & who shall disannul it? The Light of God has gone forth & is given unto you & shall prove a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death to every soul— I will do the work for which I am sent, it shall not be the work of another— I will dig & evil shall be cast out till there shall nothing be left to annoy in all God's holy mountain— nothing shall remain to oppress— When this day shall come Zion shall be as a flowered garden— Yea the time shall come when all shall flourish, when virtuous beauty shall spring up as the tender grass in the vernal season— but before this time shall come to pass, heavy tribulation shall roll on. & the cup ye shall drink, will be tinged with crimson— Ye cannot escape it— Ye cannot cast it away— yet ye shall be able to drink it, & it is not to be drank 100 years hence. but it is now prepared for you —— Nothing can stand that corrupts in the Zion of God on earth— Who are ye that tremble at this moment, lest the light of God expose you to his Zion? & who are ye that think to hide from his searching light? But ye that stand in the light, take courage & ye shall in the end be crowned with everlasting joy"—

Elder John then spake a few words which the writer could not distinctly hear— At the close of meeting The Bro and Sisters blessed the Ministry & Elders. ——

Evening— General Singing Meeting.

There was a great outpouring of the spirit & power of God in this meeting— with inspired messages but it was not sketched down. ——

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July 21. 1845.

Sabbath. Chh Meeting.

20. July. After some labor & efforts on our part to get hold of some gift — we were informed that a company of holy Angels had entered the Sanctuary & had brot the quickning power of God to bestow on the Brethren & Sisters — Also our Holy Savior & Blessed Mother Ann entered & gave us their love & blessing & placed crowns upon our heads which, they said, was to help us to bear the great tribulation with which we would be visited — they also gave us the conquering palms of God, which were composed of strength, power and salvation. — An instrument stated that the manna of heaven was falling — that it was the distilling showers of love from the Father of Eternal love We were exhorted by our blessed Mother to be more diligent and persevering & not to look back. for the mighty Angel of heaven was sounding his trumpet, and would continue to sound till every soul should hear &c — There was also a bright band of seraphs in attendance, with the Holy angels, who had brot us a present of little harps, especially for the singers — the harps contained the beautiful songs of heaven which are given to help all the faithful in their heavenward journey. Mother said to remember the love of the little seraphs was along with the harps ——

Another instrument stated that he could testify he had felt the influence of heavenly love in this meeting — & could also testify that there was a holy Angel of heaven present with words to speak if in union with the beloved Ministry — In substance as follows:

"I am a holy Angel who has descended from heaven having these words to speak at this time: Hear ye O Zion; for behold the word of the Lord to you at this time is peace

comfort & consolation which I have to administer to you from the fewest elements of the power of God & in words of his own forming.— I am an Angel of mercy & have the charity of God to bestow even as the cheering beams of pure light which proceed from his holy Throne— I have that to bestow which will bind up the broken heart. xxxx this has been a day of burning, in sin a day of the wrath of God, in which he hath sat in judgment & rewarded her according to her works xxxx I have a word for the honest even the sure mercies of David for all who have hearkened & turned to God yea, & for all who will turn with full purpose of heart to do his holy will to the full & final sacrifice of all the pleasures of time; for behold my hand of mercy is streched forth still to the honest & sincere soul— & who, saith the Angel, is there that does not want to receive that which God has for them at this time— There are some here who have committed sin again & again who have been honest to confess the same; & the word of the Lord God at this time is to all such, is, if ye will continue & be faithful to confess before ye enter the holy sanctuary to worship me ye shall have my holy strength & a measure of my blessing even tho you may be overcome with the very same thing repeatedly over & over, if ye come not before me with unclean hands & defiled hearts my blessing shall be extended to you.— I have purposed saith the Lord to stoop in my everlasting mercy to the lowest soul who, if they will be honest at heart shall be blest with the power of Salvation— tho your sins be as scarlet yet they shall be white as wool— Ye shall at last be helped to overcome by a merciful God +++ This is a day in which the Lord does offer his mercy and charity to the soul that seeketh after him— even to those who are faithful to confess before they undertake to worship, praise & offer thanksgiving unto him— Oh! saith the

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angel, if ye knew the tender compassion & mercy of your God ye would seek him early & place your souls under his protecting care— There is no evil can exist in God. wherefore shall ye divest yourselves of all evil before ye present yourselves to worship him— I have now delivered, saith the Angel, that which I came to do.——

Elder John said he felt to return thanks for the word of the Angel, that it certainly was just and true, & every soul that complies will certainly be profited thereby.——

July. 27. Sabbath. 1st Meeting.

In this meeting we were visited firstly by Father David & a company from the glorious city— Father David exhorted us, thro' an instrument, to take hold of the gospel plough with both hands & not look back— he stated there had been too much of this looking back in this place &c &c— After Father David was done speaking— Mother Ann & D. Boyd came in & gave us their love & blessing.— Elder John now called on all the Brn of Father Joseph's class that was over 12 years of age to come out & form in a circle to bless & clothe each other— & manifest their faith by speaking, shaking or in any way they felt the most gifts they acquitted themselves honorably.——

August. Sabbath. 2. 1st Meeting.

Early in this meeting, Elder John proposed to deliver the love to us which was sent from White Water. Accordingly, He, Eldress Sally & Sis Marietta Agnew delivered it to us by waving it over us & we gathered it.— An instrument spake & said that while we were marching, there was a company of holy Angels pouring down the mighty power of God— After some further exercise & shaking &c Elder Eli Houston called us to our own sides of the room, when the Angel of Judgment appeared & stated. He

came in union with His heavenly Father. He desired that we might all come down low in humiliation — Behold saith he, it is a solemn day, it stands you in hand to improve it that ye gain the power of God that will enable you to overcome all that is opposed to his spirit. Keep ye his holy Fear & this will be a great help to you to keep off the adversary &c. — Inst. IV —

We kneeled & bowed in obedience to the gift from the holy Angel, — after we arose from our knees Our blessed Mother Ann came in & bestowed upon us the blessed gift of repentance which we gathered in by significant motions of our hands as she repeatedly exhorted us to do. — after which an aged veteran, James Smith, came out & begged strength & help from the Brethren & Sisters, which, he said was to enable him to set that example that he would not be ashamed of in eternity, we complied with his request & gave him our love & blessing as one of Mothers faithful first born. — Elder John now thought it a convenient & suitable time to give us another present that was given to them, (That is, Br. Eldress Sally & Marietta while on their visit to White water) to wit, three Baskets of flowers which was given them by Eldress Betsy, Mother Lucy & Elder Archibald, they were gathered near the Holy ground there.

Preparations were now made to give the young sisters of Father Josephs class an opportunity to manifest their faith & determinations to keep the gospel as the young Brethren did last sabbath — they first (at E. John's request) formed in a circle & marched a song, after which they performed their gifts individually, in speaking, bowing, shaking &c. they also acquitted themselves honorably — At the close of the meeting Mother Ann exhorted us to repentance, requested us to weep with her &c — also gave us a ring of remembrance which she put on our right finger — before we retired E. Br. felt a gift for us to talk no more than half as much of that which is unnecessary this week as we did last. —

Augst 10 1845 Sabbath. Church meeting as usual at 1. o. clock, after singing a hymn or two, we took our seats and Elder Jn° read to us a communication from the Angel of Comfort, the same Rina spirit that attended Elder Archibald in his last sickness, and comforted his spirit while suffering the distress and pain of body which is unavoidable in the closing scenes of mortal life. The subject of the communication was the thoughts and feelings of Elder Archibald on his death bed, in relation to the many gospel friends he had left in the West, and was very feelingly written, expressing much sincere love for us, and a lively interest in our welfare. & together with some excellent counsel, which we thankfully receivd, and the same was pretty generally expressd by the brethren and Sisters.

After that was gone thro' with, we marchd and sung a few songs — when we were informd by one of the inspird ones, that the rich blessings of heaven were showering down upon us, and we were requested to gather it up, and many expressd there sensibly feeling the same, and said that it felt like an unspeakable blessing and treasure to their souls. After a few songs more Elder Brother Eli expressd a desire to gather up some of the blessings that flowd amongst us, thro' and in the alley between the brethren and sisters; with which the meeting united, and we gatherd and threw over one another and realis'd a blessing in our simplicity.

Another inspird one, testified to the presence of the quickening power of God, and said there was

liberty to gather it up, and it would enable us to feel our souls living; awake and alive in the increasing and
1845 blessed work of God.
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17. The whole society at the chosen square this Sabbath. For an account of which see—— Book I.

August
24. Sabbath. 1. O clock

Church meeting open'd, by Elder John observing that it had been some time since the holy orders were read and tho' there had been a good degree gain'd in regard to keeping them, Yet he thought there was still room left for an increase. Especially in relation to two particulars which he mention'd, Also he recommended all to use their faculties in uniting in singing, and said none should stand with body erect and stiff, & mouth clos'd.

Several witnesses declar'd the presence of Father William, Mother Ann, and the holy Saviour. They brot many good gifts from heaven for us, and they were very sensibly felt by many—— the gift of humiliation was brot as a preparatory step for us to take, in order to gain the gift of true repentance— Cups were brot fill'd with tribulation which we drank, and many Kind Spirits brot us love and Mother Ann amongst the rest brot us a bountiful supply. There seem'd to me to be more real feeling in the Meeting than there was token of in outward manifestation. Meeting clos'd by four low bows expressive of thankfulness for the good bestow'd and the blessing receiv'd.

1845 Church meeting ——

Augst 31st. Sabbath 1.o clock —— Open'd as usual by singing an Anthem. After we had march'd a few songs, and were laboring in quick manner a ball of simple freedom was plac'd on Elder Brothers head, with a request to divide it among the assembled multitude. Which was done.

Eldress Betsy came in an early part of the meeting, and bro't the power of God, and pour'd it over the people, she also said she desir'd to gather and secure volunteers, free souls in Mothers gospel.

She then said she had a word for the Church, as follows —— I tell You plainly, You who belong to the Zion of God, that this is a day of small things, and I have brought You a small present —

It is a sweet stream of Charity & mercy, and whosoever will drink freely and in faith of this small present, shall feel the sweet delight which flows from a spirit of kindness and forgiveness, a spirit and disposition to forgive an offending brother or sister. And now you of Mothers dear Children who wish to receive this little present, You may hold out your Cups, and they shall be fill'd with the blessed stream of Charity & mercy ——

Some may think this a small matter, and it is one of the small but glorious gifts, from the boundless store of Gods infinite forms and varieties of good.

And now small as it may seem, and small as it is, Yet all will find in due season, that the true and genuine spirit of forgiveness, in deed and in truth is a precious and blessed gift. Every one

may be made sensible by reflection, when they think themselves unjustly treated, how difficult it is for them to feel, from the heart, the true spirit of Cordial forgiveness, and every one may know, how an honest feeling of repentance, in one that has done the injury, disarms the injur'd one of hard feelings, and prepares him for the sweet duty of forgiveness. This small present I have brought You to day, will, if You drink freely of the stream of Charity and mercy, fit You for these peaceable and comfortable duties, and make You able to treat each other as brethren and sisters of one family should do; and after all, none of You can do it, but in and by the spirit and power of God in a gift, to the acceptance of Your heavenly Parents, and this blessed power and gift is what I have now brought You.——

Father Joseph is present, and his gift and desire now at this time is, to sow the seeds of peace, here in the house right amongst us, and after he has sown the seed, he wishes us to labor a quick song and we may dance to the music sung by a band of Angels who are in attendance for the purpose, and we shall receive the power of God to reap a plentiful harvest of the fruits of peace.

While we were dancing Mother Ann came and bestowed on us a bountiful supply of her blessed Love. Father Joseph said when we went to reaping, every one should reap his own field, and should reap all around him, in every other mans field, and every man should reap round about and thro' every others field, the crop should extend to all, and all must divide, and mix and mingle so that there be no private or individual and selfish property, but all should have plenty of the blessed and holy fruits of Peace.

In this blessed gift Union and freedom should come by each ones reaping in anothers field. [illegible]

Another instrument says —— Blessed Mother says, receive Ye the heavenly gift of Peace. I have taken away the evil plant of discord and strife for You to receive the blessed gift that Father Joseph has brought You, and if You gather and Eat of the fruit of peace, the evil plant of discord and disunion shall distress You no more; and now receive Ye my sincere love, and with it the love of Your Eternal Mother Wisdom; and Mother here bow'd with us in solemn thankfulness for the great day in which we lived. [illegible]

Another instrument says —— Mother says, my beloved few, Father has bless'd You without measure, he has kindly sent You the true fruit of peace, and that is righteousness, joy and good will to all men. The attending Angels hath also brought You many beautiful grapes, they are grapes of sensation, to ennable You to sense the value of the many excellent gifts and blessings You have receiv'd to day. [illegible]

Another instrument —— Father says, that we will see the day that we will need every gift and blessing that is now given us; tho' many may think it of small consequence, but the time is near at hand when tribulation will roll in amongst us, and we will wish that we had treasur'd up these blessings more savingly; therefore we had better be industrious to gather up all the good gifts which are now graciously sent to us. [illegible]

While we were standing up to sing the last hymn, Mother sent us a bright Cross, to place on each one of

our foreheads, and also there was a present sent to Elder Samuel Russell, in behalf of himself and those with him. It was a basket of beautiful grapes and balls of light love &c.

Meeting clos'd by Kneeling in thankfulness for the blessed and kind notice we had received from the invisible world, and for the reception of so much of it.

1845 Sept 7th According to previous notice the Junior order of believers, and the Church met in the holy sanctuary, intending to pay a visit to the Chosen Square, but as the weather was unfavorable did not go there in the morning.

After an Anthem was sung, Elder John observ'd that we again had a privelege of assembling together to worship God in union, and espress'd his thankfulness for the presence of the Beloved Ministry from South and North Union.

A large Company of holy Angels now entered the Meeting room, and their first gift, as was testified by many, was to Clothe the Visiting Ministry with true gospel freedom, desiring they might feel unembarress'd, and feel as tho' they were at home among Mothers Children, in this place.

Elder Brother espress'd a greatfull feeling for the privelege of meeting unmolested, and being thus permitted to unite quietly among Ourselves without disturbance from the world; And the S. Union Ministry in a feeling manner spoke of their thankfulness for their present opportunity of meeting with us, and then gave us a beautiful store of Love which they had from our Gospel friends at S. Union.

After we had receiv'd the Love from S. Union, Elder John and the North Union Ministry gave out the Love they had receiv'd at White Water from whence they had lately return'd. _____ The treasures Kindly brought us from our distant friends being thankfully receiv'd, we united in singing a welcome song for both lots of Ministry, who responded in terms of thankfulness for their Kind reception.

We then prepar'd for marching, and a large company of Angels enter'd the Meeting room, and testified that they had as much freedom and strength to minister as would clothe every honest and faithful Child present with the power of God.

Mother Ann & Father William then sent a bright Angel to minister the love that casteth out fear, and many more appropriate blessings, saying to us in the most Earnest Kindness, O Children do receive it every one who has faith in the gifts of God. _____ He also said that a band of Angels had placed Vessels on the rock, in the Alley containing the Holy Waters of repentance, and we might drink as often as we desired. _____ There was also present many holy Angels from the holy Mount with blessings to bestow on all who would labor for them.

About this time came Elder Peter and Eldress Molly, stating that they had accompanied the South Union Ministry all the way from their homes, and that they had a blessing in store for them, because of their examplary Conduct on their journey, as they had by that Godly example made the world feel that they, (the ministry,) had something which they, (the world,) had not.

Father David now enter'd the Sanctuary, with a large

company of Father Josephs Class, and brought a special gift for the Young; and they pour'd out their love and blessing on them desiring them to gather it all up. _____ Father said there was Enough to clothe all the Young, every one of them, who had come in a state to receive it. _____ Father Josephs Class here, had receivd such a bountiful blessing from the invisible world, thro' Father David and their own Class there, that Elder John suggested the propriety of their bestowing a part of it on the aged, which they agreed to, and divided liberally their blessed treasure.

The holy Angels now presented to the Ministry, bottles of Wine for all their Children, that they may increase in love and Union. _____ Also the bread of life to distribute to all that they may be strengthen'd and sustained thro' all trials. _____ Also there is plenty for the visiting ministry to take home and feed their Children with the same rich blessing. _____

Father David has also brot' beautiful bands of union and Stength to encircle all the believers in, and also bands of the same Kind for the visiting Ministry to take with them, and encircle their Children at home, and also a branch from the tree of Victory for which blessings we all return'd thanks; and promis'd Father that we would walk worthy the many blessings we had receiv'd. _____ The Meeting seem'd at this time to be overshadow'd in a wonderful manner, with the power and goodness of God; and Eldress Betsy desires that we should now divide the blessed fruits of the seeds of Peace that we had gather'd last Sabbath, from that which Father Joseph had sown, with all present if the beloved Ministry and Elders have union with it. Union being felt & express'd, division was made accordingly.

Father William now gave us the love of the Holy Savior, and of all our heavenly Parents, and wants the Ministry from S. and N. Union to receive a double portion to take home with them, and

and give their people, and after our receiving it, he desires us all to sound ou our trumpets to make welcome a band of holy Angels who are on their way from the holy Mount. _____

Elder Isachar now makes his appearance with fire to burn up the Evil, "saying" You know it is my province to carry fire for Mother and our heavenly Parents, and in his right hand he carries a branch of Willow, with advise to us to bend and bow our Spirits as that Willow is seen to bow & bend &c &c.

The living power of God was now seen overshadowing the brethren and Sisters as a bright shining cloud, and we were desir'd to gather it up, as with it there was much thankfulness, and also in the luminous cloud by which we were surrounded, mingled with the power of God there was much fire.

Elder Brother feeling a gift for the aged to stand back, while the Younger came forward and exercise, it was accordingly so done; and while the Younger were singing and dancing, Eldress Betsy was seen to come forward and present each one of them with a sprig from the tree of Innocense, each sprig having on it beautiful fruit.

It is now testified that from the Stream that flows from the Rock plac'd at the head of the Alley, Mothers Love would flow to the honest soul, with all the blessed gifts of heaven. _____ Mother is now standing on the rock from whence these good gifts are flowing, and is mixing her precious love with the holy stream, saying to the Ministry gather, O. gather my beloved Children of the heavenly gifts of God. _____ Father William now gave Elder John a box to open, containing golden lamps, lit up with the clear light of heaven, for the (visiting) ministry to take home with them. _____

Our heavenly Mother Ann has plac'd large branches of Cement-ing love all around the rock, and she desires us to unite with the S. and N. Union Ministry in gathering it up, and assist them to gather it up, and she desires them to carry it safely home to their

Children, that all may be united in one sweet band of Love & union.

There is now a roll of the good word of God deliver'd to Eldress Sally for the ministry, some of which is to be revealed before their departure, then the roll is to be committed to them, and the balance revealed after they get home. Father William stands at the front of the Rock with a basket containing the roll which Eldress Sally receives.

Father William and Mother Ann has a golden chain from our holy and Eternal Father, and holy Mother Wisdom, and a circle of living light for the S. Union and N. Union Ministry, and she now asks, Who wants my love? Who wants to rejoice in Mothers love for the coming Week? For such, now's the time to gather, and throw her Peace amongst us, and says my love is flowing amongst You in a perfect cloud, and again, she says "I love my pretty Children".——— Father David now comes with diamonds of Self denying love, particularly for the Youth to wear on their breasts and he wants them to kneel down and receive them, "While on their Knees he addresses them thus," Dearly beloved, bow low, bow low to Your visible lead in simple obedience, Keep in the light, and Keep Your Spirits low, and pray for a spirit of repentance, that Ye may be able to stand as pillars, for some of You will Yet have to be burden bearers, and You will have to Keep low to be able to receive that which is for You. If You will do this Ye shall have my love and blessing and the Angels of heaven will protect You." &c.

Our beloved Mother Ann is now marching round us, throwing her love and blessing on the Brethren & Sisters, and saying she is pleas'd to see so many of us together, and thankful to see so many simple Children rejoicing in her love.——— Father William gives us golden trumpets of Victory and overcoming power, and tells us that we have receiv'd our blessed Mothers Kindest and best love; and he desires us to be thankfull for the many blessings we have receiv'd.———

——— Father David wishes us, before we seperate

to roll out our love and blessing on the Young Believers, and says however Young an inexperienced they may be in the way and work of God, if they are truly honest and faithfully obey the light and understanding they have; Mother will own them as good children of her little family. We did roll out our love and blessing on them and receiv'd theirs in return. _____ Brother Andrew came and brought a song for Each one of the Singers, and some for the visiting Ministry to take home with them, and then bestow'd his love and blessing on us generally.

We now form'd as usual at the conclusion of our meetings, Sung an Anthem and were dismiss'd untill ½ past 12. o. c. when we meet again, and if the weather is favorable, repair to the Chosen Square; for an account of which See Book. I. the 7th of Sept 1845.

September 14th 1845. — Sabbath _____ Church Meeting, Ministry from South Union present. As usual we bow'd as we enter'd the Sanctuary, Meeting opened by singing two anthems. We then receiv'd a store of Love from White Water brought by those who had been there visiting, viz, S. Spurning E. Binnum, E. Sering and S. Naylor. We were now exhorted to go forth and labor for a greater store of Love and union, & we went forth in the marching exercise, soon after our service began. A concourse of holy Angels entered the Sanctuary and cloth'd the aged brethren and Sisters with Love, which they were Kind enough to divide with the Young. _____

One of the mighty angels who is now abiding in the sanctuary for a season, came forward with the line of Righteousness and the plumet of Equity in his hand, saying bow low, and You may receive my love, but You must remember that by this line of righteousness, and this plumet of Equity shall all

Your lives be Squared. _____ A Holy Angel has descended at this time to open wide the blessed Streams of Charity and Mercy that is already flowing thro' the Zion of God in this place; The Angel Says the stream is now full to overflowing, and the blessed gift of Charity and mercy is now free for all, and to every one free forgiveness is offer'd who will freely forgive, Yea every one is forgiven as far as they in their Hearts extend the blessed gift to others. Behold says the Angel I have now descended to bestow this gift with an unmeasuring hand, and to the beloved Ministry from S. Union he said receive Ye, beloved of Your Father in heaven, Ye that have come from a distance, and know Ye and feel; Zions Children are one and undivided wherever they are, for the blessings of heaven are bestowd to bless, build up and protect not one but all. And O! Says he what is greater than the humble, broken and contrite Spirit that can freely, fully and from the heart exercise the gift of forgiveness. _____ A beautiful Angel of Peace has now descended from the throne, and has brought flowers of Paradise, inviting each good Child to receive one. _____ There is now present a trumpet sounding Angel of God, who desires if in Union to bestow on the S. Union Ministry a large Sack of the Seeds of Peace. It is the desire of the Angel that they may receive it and take it home into their Sanctuary, that the brethren and Sisters may receive the fruits thereof. They shall sow the contents of the Sack in the Sanctuary and after singing a song, and laboring in the gift of God, they may reap the fruits of Peace, and then partake of that which they have gather'd. The Ministry may receive it by holding out their right hands. _____ There is now announc'd a Prophesying Angel who wishes to speak if in Union. He says bow down Your Souls in low humility for the days of Peace are fast passing away; but the time shall come

when Ye shall receive but little and shall consider it a great deal. It is now a time of harvest and the showering down of the blessed gifts of God are graciously continued.

But there cometh a time when it shall end, and that shall not be understood which it would be profitable to Know, it shall be a day of darkness and Ye shall not comprehend clearly as Ye do now, hear and understand, and receive freely; then it shall not be so, but there shall be anxious feelings to Know and understand and discern the true gift, and it shall be dif-ficult and not easily attain'd to. Mark the time when the day of this prophecy shall come upon You, for it shall certainly roll on You, and in that day shall be many devises and stat-igems of Satan to make blind and to lead astray, that they may not obey their God. It is not for any one to Know the time when it shall arrive, but it is meet that You should understand and Know that perilous times are coming on You. But again, a day shall succeed these times when Zion shall bloom and flourish like a full blown rose, and all who shall take the Yoke of Christ and bear it patiently to the End shall receive strength; And the Angel of Power shall come with his glittering sword and shall slay the Enemies. And in those days and at that time those who feast on darkness; & who love the ways of Evil, shall dwell in darkness for their re-ward, but they who live in obedience and reconciliation shall be sav'd. And now when Your way is hedg'd up until You can hardly see which way to turn, remember that I the holy Angel told You this day. I have a roll from Your heavenly Father and holy Mother Wisdom to give to the beloved Ministry from Illinois; that they may read and be comfort-ed, it will be laid in the Alley, and the beloved Ministry here can take it up by the four corners, and hand it unto them

iach taking hold of one corner, they may take it home with them, and there inspired ones, who have been raisd out of darkness shall read it unto them, for it contains that which they need. The Ministry espressd their thankfulness.

Out of the holy arch that is spread over Union Village the holy Angels now appear with beautiful garments of Love and purity with which they desire to clothe the Church; they say that the South Union Ministry may be clothd first, there is a sufficient number of Angels to clothe every one in the house. Behold saith the leading Angel out of the ivory palaces, have we brot these beautiful garments, that You might feel that the God of all goodness has respect to them that are his. Moreover it is our desire that the good Ministry be clothd with Comfort, it is our desire to bestow on them our holy Love. It is the Holy Saviours desire in this gift of consolation, that a song be sung and labord by the Church, that it be not in dead forms, but that they should receive in reality of the good things of heaven. _____

_____ There is now a bright Angel standing in the midst who has in his hand a branch from the tree of life, and he gave the S. Union Ministry a branch to carry home with them, with a desire that when they go home they may walk up and down the Alley in their Sanctuary, and shake the branch, so that the little flock might gather and be partakers of the good things of God. _____ Another Angel now comes from the holy Mount with a beautiful breast plate for each of the ministry, which was set with glittering diamonds; they are to wear on their breasts, they are said to be such as Angels wear. There is also present a band of holy Angels whose business is to perform on Musical instruments they are now playing, and say receive the Love of the Holy Angels as they pass by the peaceful habitations of Zion in this place.

The following Anthem was playd by the Angels as they passd by. " Behold the Love of God is sent unto You, as we pass from

his holy courts above. Therefore receive Ye the Love and blessing Yea, receive the Love and blessing of Your heavenly Father, and of Se le an de, for behold the time is come, that the love of Your heavenly Father, we freely give unto You, and his mercy and charity, therefore receive it as we sound it thro our trumpets, which we receive by the influence of his holy Love, Receive You the gift of peace and consolation, Yea receive Ye the gift of Peace, for Mothers children in this place is worthy of the precious gift. ———

——— There is a bright Angel here, who is desirous to know, who wants to be shod with shoes of fire. He will distribute to all who will be simple enough to put them on. Behold saith the Angel, these Shoes will light You till the time arrives of which You have heard; this day therefore begin to wear them that You may see Your way clearly. It will shed before You a clear light and very bright clearer and brighter than the sun, by this light if You are faithful Ye shall travel swiftly and not stumble tho the dark times that shall come upon You, You shall be able in this light to Keep the way of God. The same Angel also at this time gave us a staff each one present, to enable us to wak swiftly on the road to the mansions of felicity; and on the staff are words written "take courage and be not faint hearted, if the staff is laid on the floor, and each one must pick up his own. ——— The holy Angels present the singers a beautiful harp each, and on each harp there is a song written. and also to the S. Union Ministry a large gold basket with harps and Songs in it, for them to take home.* ——— One of the twelve bright Angels who is calld at this time in the holy Sanctuary to stay for a season, and notice the different parts thereof, saith he is calld now to declare, that he is now enabled to see a part of the Church that will be overgrown with weeds; a certain wil

* S. S. H.

influence shall be seen within her borders which will produce grief and sorrow. It will be right for the Church to put forth her power to crush the power of Satan who is trying to spread this Evil influence amongst the People. You may kneel down and pray that God may render us help in our low estate, that he may dispel the clouds of darkness, and let the sunshine of the Gospel occupy its place. He warns us not be slack, or grow easy, or be indolent in this day when the gifts of God are so bountifully bestowd upon us, and while the protecting Wings of the holy Angels are mercifully extended over us, but to be alive and awake, maintaining a spirit of prayer and humility.

This is a bright Angel of God for the present stationd in this part of the Zion of God, and may be known by the bright rain bow that encircles his head. iii. + √ii. ———

——— Our heavenly Father and holy Mother Wisdom declar'd they had sent an unusual degree of the blessed Spirit of Repentance to this meeting; And said they desir'd all to live strictly and according to good order in all the coming week, and their should be an increase of the gift to every one who would sincerely pray and in their hearts desire it. ——— Mother Lucy said she felt amply rewarded for all her labor, in bringing so many blessings to the meeting, in seeing the blessed gift of repentance in operation to the extent that it did. ——— The ancient King Solomon came into meeting near the close, and promis'd to impart a portion of his wisdom to all that desir'd it, in order that they might thro' the coming week pray aright for the blessed gift of Repentance. ———

N.B. The close of this meeting was remarkable for the first outpouring of the spirit of Repentance to any considerable extent. It was felt by all and by a few in a most particularly affecting manner - Insomuch that at one time many if not most of the Assembly were in tears. ———

September 28th 1845. _____ Sabbath _____

Church Meeting _____ Meeting open'd as usual, and an Angel from heaven came forward, and brought with him heart searching and heart melting Love. _____ Another with a variety of gifts adapted to every state, and said to us, that if we would ask in faith and sincerity, they would be bestow'd exactly according to each ones need. _____ There also came a band of Holy Angels who warn'd us of the presence of darkness and bondage, and advis'd us to unite and dispell the cloud, and they would assist us, and drive away all that obstructs the free passage of the heavenly gifts to the soul. _____ An Angel of simplicity is also here, and says that many of the heavenly host are here also, and that he has the gift of simplicity to bestow freely and all who wished to receive it, and lov'd the beautiful gifts of God, should receive them this day. _____ Elder John now invited Father Josephs Class to come out seperately and exercise, and desir'd them to cut away all bondage, and in the free spirit of Mothers good Children, worship God in spirit and in truth. Previous to their going forth, a cup of Love, is presented by an holy Angel who is present, who also desires to say to all; Remember at all times when You come up to worship the Lord, that the Enemy will also try to enter in hinder and obstruct the work if possible, and that we now needed refreshment, which he would minister to us at this time, and it would enable us to increase in Love one to another. And also for the coming week he will give us every morning a cup of Mercy and Charity, which will assist us in resisting the temptations of the adversary, and if we would receive in faith and simple sincerity, it would intercept the attempts of the Enemy to sow discord and dissension amongst us, it would fill the soul with Kind Love and forbearance, we would pass one another as Angels, we would look over past offences, and be all

and in sincerity and unfeigned simplicity to esteem and Love one another as Brethren and Sisters of one holy and pure family.

Consider dear Children says he" How often have You acted towards one another as cold unfeeling Strangers; and how many times You have neglected to be Kind and tender when You could have been Kind and accomodating as well as sullen & ill temper'd.

How often have You thought, and even said hard and unKind things which have wounded and distressed Your Brethren or Sisters, and which has stung them for weeks, instead of ministring Mercy and Charity, You have exhibited ruffled cold and unfriendly feelings, like the troubled Ocean casting up mire & dirt.

I speak thus saith the Holy Angel to enable You to feel Your great deficiency, that You may be enabled to feel after, and gain the blessed spirit of repentance. This gift of sincere and simple Gospel Love one for another, is a deep work, a gift that eclipses all others; and if You can gain the true and genuine Spirit of repentance, then will You Know how to feel Your own lacks and shortcomings, and also will be able to sense and properly value the worth of Your dear Brethren and Sisters. _____ Mother is present, and says that testimony is true, and she says many have felt the blessed influence of that pure and holy Love, and She now adds a rich present of Innocence and simplicity. _____

_____ A Company of holy Angels were now seen stepping themselves from the holy Stream which issues from the Rock Stations in the Holy Sanctuary, in which we were invited to unite; and were presented with a gift of Meekness, and were desired to manifest our respect and Love for the precious gift by learning to be influenced by it in our daily going). _____ Father Joseph desires us to Kneel down, and pray for a Sincere heart; for he says our heavenly Father cannot bless the soul that was full of Vanity.

We then form'd in order, and sent our Love to the East

by our good Ministry who expect to start there in a few days.
Meeting closed as usual by singing a hymn.

Sabbath _____ October 5th 1845. _____

Church meeting. Commenced as usual.
In the Early part of this meeting we were visited by the Mighty Angel of Power, and were exhorted to bow low before him, because he brings with him the fear of the living God. He throws strength and power over all stating, there was some here who needed it, that they were sleepy and stupid, and if they did not wake up, their souls would wither and die. Whet Your Swords, says the Angel and prepare to meet the foe, for the Enemy is near at hand. ___
_____ I see says one balls of fire fall on the floor, and the Angels say, Gather, Gather, And moreover I saw the Angels binding bands of light around the Brethren, and said they shall become strong girdles, to unable us to bear up under the tribulation that awaits us, and will shortly come upon us. ___
_____ Eldress Betsy brings the Love of our good Ministry. Brother Peter also gives us their love, which they sent by him, when he parted with them at Dayton. He also brings us the Love of of our Gospel friends at Waterbliet. Ohio.

Sabbath. _____ October 12th. 1845.

Church Meeting. _____ The Holy Saviour came into meeting, and plac'd in the Alley a band of little Children, who are to give us a gift of simplicity, which they throw over us. Mother Ruth is also present, ministering the gift of simplicity with her Love to the Brethren and Sisters. Our heavenly Parents many of them enter, and place a feast of fruits in the Alley for all who desire to partake of. _____ Our blessed Mother says, it is given for a season of Joy, for her Children

here, it is given for the moment to feast her Children to prepare them for the tribulation that is rolling upon them, and will shortly come upon all. _____ The Holy Saviour now had a blessing for the Ancients of the People, and placed Crowns upon them, and says wear them in remembrance of me while in time. He said they merited his love, for they had freely devoted their all, their lands, property &c to the gospel and their Salvation sake. They received the blessing of the Holy Saviour on their Knees. _____ There is a band of Comforters in the Alley; they are ready to sound their trumpets of Liberty to the Corners of the Earth, they desire us to Unite and sound Liberty Liberty. _____ I saw witness says one, to a Company of Angels in the North East part of the Zion of God in this place; for what purpose I did not know certainly, but believed it was to strengthen her ramparts in that place. _____ _____ The holy Savior says that he has come to prepare us for the tribulation that is swiftly approaching this part of the Zion of God. He reminds the aged of what they had received at his hand when they were Young, and desires them to strengthen the Young _____ _____ Brother Andrew Houston now comes forward with the Love of our good Ministry. - Elder Peter now gives his Love. _____ _____ There is a treasure here for the middle aged, who must soon bear heavy burdens. The holy Saviour Crowns them with bright Crowns of Patience, Strength, long Suffering, Meekness & Charity — for Says he "thus hath the Lamb of God suffered before You. In tribu-lation shall Ye walk, and in sufferings eat the fruits of heaven in _____ A bright Cloud of rest, now overshadowed the Zion of God, and a voice sounding loud. "Bow Ye low lest Ye are found without the Shadow of this bright Cloud _____ The trumpet sound-ing Angel presented all with beautiful trumpets; On these trumpets they sing praises to the Lord of hosts, and all who are faithfull, will be seen with these trumpets marching the streets of the New Jerusalem.

The Aged bestow'd their love and blessing on the Young, and were exhorted by Ashbell to cleave to Gods visible order, and not let any other ministration take our senses therefrom, nor cause us to overlook it; for this was safe ground, and in obedience to it the Angels of God would bless us. _____ Elder Brother gave us a charge for the coming week, "Little Children" Love one another."

Meeting closed.

Sabbath. _____ October 19th 1845. _____

Church Meeting. A Company of bright Spirits entr'd the meeting to day from the East stating they had a living increase for all who were willing to receive it. _____ _____ Our beloved Elder Isachar also came in and distributed holy fire, which he desird all together. Also Mother Ruth gave us the Love of our Eternal Father, and with it a good portion of simplicity, and she says gather Dear Children.

Seven Holy Angels are rolling out overcoming power, and the question was asked, do one and all wish to gather Peace Consolation and welfare to every Crossbearer in Zion. _____ _____ Eldress Betsy has brought a Roll of Love & Consolation for all who want to receive it: And also a bright band of Angels have come to help us, and have brot Pitchers of the waters of Repentance from the Holy Mount, all may receive that will ask for it says E. Betsy. _____ Elder Brother incouragd us to hold fast to what we had receivd; treasure up the good gifts of God, and labor to make a wise use of them.

Meeting closed.

Sabbath. ——— October. 26th. 1845. ———

Church Meeting. ——— After some exercise a Company of Holy Angels came into the Sanctuary and brot with them the quickening power of God, and all who wish'd it should feel it, and the instrument declar'd that the Glory of the Lord fill'd the house; and that all who were wide awake, and alive in the work should feel the thrilling influence of the gift of the holy Spirit. o,c,+.

I hear the Voice of the Angels saying, gather, gather, Power and Strength, a plentiful supply. iii,+v,,+. ——— Elder Br. remark'd, how beautiful a sight it was to see so many Young people apparently so hearty in the work, he said they would have to come forward in a little time, and help sustain the burden of the body &c and invited them to come forward and labor along with their Elder Brethren and Sisters nearer the middle of the house. ——— Elder Sister from the South House minister'd a gift brot by Elder Isachar on last Sabbath, and not then given out. It was a quantity of Guns which had the peculiar and unusual qualification of going off Britch foremost. ——— ——— Holy Angels are now seen, Coming with beautifull presents, they have plac'd Cups all along the Alley containing refreshments for the people to strengthen and invigorate them. And also a holy messenger from the holy mount, with the holy word and gifts of God, with many precious and glorious presents, they have come in beautiful Chariots, and on the tops of the Chariots are many cages of White Doves of peace, and they sing the sweet songs of Peace to all Mothers good children; they are now flying all thro the house, and on their wings is much Love for all to share in who wishes too. ——— Many precious gifts shall come from the Holy Mount, they shall come with the Ministry when they return. ——— The Prophet Isaiah is here, and has brot the Love of our heavenly

Parents, which we ought to receive with reverential fear. He has come as a sign, and he is wrapp'd in a mantle girded fast around him, containing the arrows of desolation, and they are to be shot among the nations. Be carefull he says dear Children and walk in the strait and narrow path, in peace & love of one another. Behold saith the Holy Prophet I Spread my mantle of protection over the faithful and obedient, but if any turn rebellious and refuse to hearken to, and obey the counsel of their true head, then the arrows of desolation will be turn'd against them. The Prophet says if it is in union he will at this time anoint the instruments with the Spirit of prophecy that they may be able to discern and make known the Signs, and Speak his true words of prophecy in Zion. There shall be a day of gladness, and a day of sadness, and Zion shall feel them. The truth shall shine as the sun in his pow-er, and darkness and desolation shall Spread over the Earth; and Zion shall be strengthen'd and the faithful true and honest alone shall stand firm and unshaken in the hour of trial and affliction. Who shall put forth a hand to stay the work of the Lord, many may trip but none shall be able; many trials shall come, many Scenes of afflictions shall roll on, but the faithful shall stand as a tree planted on the banks of the flowing Streams; Yea, they shall stand when desolation overspreads the land as a flood, and Swift de-struction passeth as a Whirlwind. iii Ne xi 1.

One witness declard he had seen while in this meeting Sights by which he knew the testimony of the last instrument to be true, in relation to the Spirit of Prophecy, that which he had seen in this meeting touching that Sub-ject it would not be wise to Speak at this time. The first instrument then said, I know the nations of the Earth

are beginning to feel the judgments of God, I have seen that which convinces me of the fact. I see one nation swept off by the besom of destruction, and another falling in peices, and let this be a warning to Zions Children to walk straight, for this is the only means by which she can escape the judg-ments of God. _____ Elder Archibald is here and says that our Ministry is now at the fountain head, and he desires us all to turn our faces to the East, and Kneel down, and make four low bows, and say between each bow "thy will be done O God, we will receive what ever thou wilt send us. _____

After the usual manner the meeting closd by singing an Anthem.

Novr 2nd 1845. Sabbath.

Church Meeting.

After singing an Anthem as usual at the commencement of Meeting; Elder Brother Eli Averid, that it was our privelege to be free and and exercise in simplicity in the beautiful gifts of God, that no one should indulge a sleepy inactive Spirit, but shake off all such feelings, and stand in readiness always to receive and enjoy the blessed gifts which might be for us.

Soon Elder Isachar was declard to be present, and said he had come to reveal the will of his heavenly Father in flames of fire, and this was his will, that all who was sincere and really wish'd to feel the power and gifts of God, should feel a portion of them in this meeting. The Young Brethren and Sistors began to speak, and tell their feelings, and many bore a strong and living testimony against the flesh and also against the affections and Lusts. A general feeling was

manifested to unite with the gift ministerd by Elder Brother in the Commencement of the meeting to shake off all that could hinder the free flow of the Holy gifts from heaven from access to our souls, with which Elder Isachar also united, and said thro' an inspird instrument, that there was a spirit of unbelief and carnality trying to creep in, and spread its malignant influence among the Children 7U8US4US°4°. There was a very general feeling express'd, of thankfulness for this sin destroying gospel, which would not let sin, nor bondage, nor lust have any place amongst simple and honest believers. About this time Father David came in and minister'd freedom & simplicity amongst us dividing and distributing it as he saw occasion, and preparation to receive them. ——— Elder Isachar also brought swords and plac'd them in the Alley for all who needed them, they are to fight the foe within. ——— A voice was now heard from the true Israel of God, encouraging and blessing all the simple and faithful, strengthening and comforting them, and promising final Victory over all Lust, and Pride, and every other Evil. ——— Our heavenly Mother now came in, with each one a cup of sweet wine, to invigorate and cheer up the spirits; And many holy Angels also now made their appearance as helpers in the work of God, crying prepare, prepare, for the time is near at hand, Yea just at the door when the Judgements of God shall be seen and acknowledg'd to be on the Earth, and power shall be given to every faithfull and obedient soul to overcome all things, and gain the final Victory over all their internal enemies, and they shall be clean and be fit subjects of the blessed kingdom of Peace and Love. We then sounded on our trumpets, turning round, and shouting Victory. ——— Many bright Angels now pass'd

by us and as they went on their way, they bow'd in thankfulness that there was so many willing to be faithfull, and do the work of God, and as they pass'd on they threw psalms of Victory over the assembled multitude. _____ I am thankful says one (illegible) to see so many Young people who can bear so strong and sound a testimony against the flesh and all other evil; And O! that I may never set any but a good Excample before them, that the work of God may never be mard in their Souls by any unwise or imprudent word or action of mine. I desire I may never be the means of binding any Soul, or doing any thing by excample or precept which may in any way or manner interfere with their safe and comfortable journey in the holy way of God. _____ A holy Angel proclaims "Dear Children, You must fight the flesh in Your-selves, in Your own Spirits, this will give the Victory, and the true Saving mode of Spiritual warfare. _____ Eldress Betsy and Bro. Andrew have come and brought a blessed Spirit of Love and obedience, to prepare us for the increase of the good that is for us: Many testimonies of thankfulness were feelingly express'd by both the Aged and Younger part, in the latter part of the meeting, and a very general pervading influence of Solemnity and the holy fear of God was felt by the living part of the body thro' out the whole meeting. ——

_____ At the close of the Meeting, Elder Brother, after mentioning his thankfullness for the blessed out pouring of the holy Spirit this the meeting, and the United, correct, and faithful feelings of the Younger classes; Observ'd, that he hoped we would all unite in tearing and breaking down that ole corrupt Stair way, and Steps which lead up to the Seat of Judgment, tear it all down and utterly destroy it. It never did any good, but evil continually, and in

conclusion declar'd, that his foot should never be plac'd again on one of them old steps, with which sentiment, the brethren and sisters, as respected themselves express'd their general union, that they also would not put foot, on the old step. ——————

Meeting clos'd.

Sabbath. —————— Nov 9th 1845. ——————

Church Meeting. —————— After the first hyms & Anthems, as usual in the commencement of meeting, were sung, Elder Isacher spoke thro' an instrument and said, our spirits were too cold to receive the gifts of God; he had brought a supply of fire to warm us; it was gather'd & had its effect. —————— Mother was now present, and call'd on the shepherds of the flock, with much energy and earnestness to increase their watchfulness over the flock under their care; and desird them to watch continually night and day, as there were some now present in eminent danger of being destroy'd by the enemy of souls. —————— [illegible]

Another inspird agent then said "I see a fire burning with dreadful fury, it is burning up and consuming the forest, and spreding far and wide thro' the world, it will burn within and without Zion, it burns up and destroys every thing within its way. I am thankful for the fire that is burning in Zion, and I know it will continue untill it does the work which it is sent to accomplish. —————— Brother Amos then observ'd that he knew there was need of the fire, for the Devil cares not by what means the soul is destroy'd, whether by the entanglements of the flesh outright, or by evil speaking, back-biting, and other modes of marring the peace and obstructing the onward travel of believers; If he could succeed in getting

any one to tatling, and speaking against the order of God, he would be satisfied, so it would be wise for all to look well to their going and let no advantage be taken by the adversary. He said he stood oppos'd to him in all the varied forms of his approach. And this inattention to order in small things, as well as greater wrongs is the cause of so much death and bondage which at times brings such a cloud of darkness into our meetings. So all should watch and be carefull to keep the order of God. _____

_____ I am impress'd says one to testify that Elder Johns spirit is here, and his desire is, if in union with the Elders that Father Josephs class, labor to sense their privelege in the Gospel.

Union being express'd, the Youth came forward, gain'd a good gift, and many of them bore a strong testimony against the flesh and other Evils, and express'd their thankfulness for their privelege in Mothers Blessed Gospel. _____ Sister Ann Parkinson said, that it was a wicked thing to be joking out of meeting about things said in meeting, laughing and making subjects of common conversation of serious matters, it had a tendency to bind Young minds and did much injury, it operated so as to destroy freedom and introduce a Spirit of uncomfortable bondage; with this testimony there was an expression of general Union. _____ Brother Andrew now came in, and said he had brot a new robe of Mothers Love, and said to Father Joseph class, that if they would shake off the old garments of the flesh, he would clothe them with this new Robe of their blessed Mothers Love, all united in good earnest to shake themselves free from all bondage and receive Andrews present thankfully. Father Joseph now presented each one of his class with a bright sword, with a promise from them, that they would use them diligently, in the holy and proper order, where such weapons are effectual.

Our beloved Mother Ann, and also Mother Lucy, are with Father Joseph. And Mother desires we should receive a double portion of her Love, and keep it sacred by us all the time thro the week, and she says if we will do this, we will not have to labor so hard when we come to meeting to gain a gift of heavenly freedom, but we would be simple and lively in our spirits as good children. _____

_____ A Brother now spoke a few words very appropriately, advising all the aged and middle ages to be exceedingly careful never to say or do anything that would operate as a bad example to the Young, but in all our words and actions to be simple honest and sincere, that they may follow in the tracks of those that are before them, and be safe. If we have that in us that is not right, always remember there is an order where we may be perfectly free, and unbosom our inmost feelings in safety. But to never let the Young and rising generation see nor hear of weaknesses in those to whom they are taught to look to for examples. ✠ ✠ ✠.

Eldress Betsy now sends her Love; we gather up in order, sing an Anthem, and meeting closes.

Sabbath _____ _____ Novr 16th 1845. _____

Church Meeting _____ The beloved Ministry having return'd from the East, ministered much good to those who attended this meeting, they read an interesting paper concerning a meeting held in a house lately purchas'd from the world, which was once own'd by one Eleazor Grant. In the time of our blessed Mothers ministry on earth, she suffer'd much persecution in this house, thro the unfriendly spirit of S^d Grant and others, but then and there prophecied that her children should in a

day to come worship God in that house, which was but to pass, on the time of the present visit of the Ministry to that Country. For a more particular account of said persecution see testimony by Prudence Hammond. "Page 50. Book of testimonies". _____

_____ While the Ministry were at the meeting alluded to at the house occupied once by Grant, Christ and Mother Ann were there, and bestowed their Love and Blessing on them; and also sent it to the West in a little song, also balls of watchfulness with this instruction " See that Ye hurt not the Oil and the Wine in one another;" Also a branch fill'd with beautiful birds. _____

_____ At the opening of this Meeting Mother was present and the ministration from the East was full of life and power. Mother gave us her love seasond with holy fire, against all evil, and in-join'd us, that we would need it all, to enable us to stand in the day of trial which as we had been told would surely come upon us. Father William confirm'd what Mother had said, and added that we should be careful to treasure up and observe whatever was given by our visible Lead, to cleave to them and remember their counsel, for in that there was safety, but on any other ground the enemy would have the advantage. _____ Father Wm and Mother being still present at the close of the meeting, and powid out their Love and blessing on the Ministry & Elders, and speaking to the brethren and Sisters, say," O dear Children we do desire You to be more watchful, and attend more strictly to the counsel and direction of Your visible Lead. If You will be wise now, You will all set out anew, and be more attentive and more faithful to obey the precious counsel of Your good Ministry and Elders, if You do this it will be well with You. If You had hitherto been as faithful and as careful as You ought to be, and You might have been, how much better off You would now have been. O dear Children do be wise and treasure up the advice of Your visible Lead, and

then You will be prepar'd to receive the blessing and strength from the Ministering Spirits, that so often attend with You to help and bless You. [illegible] _____

_____ Immediately another one Witness to the presence of Father and Mother, and to the testimony of the last inspir'd one, adding much more to the same import; concluded by saying; If we would only Keep the counsel of our visible head, in simple obedience, the good Spirits and our heavenly Parents would take delight and comfort in bringing us heavenly blessings; but as it had been, they had often had to mourn and weep for the careless inattention of some who needed their gifts and blessings, but were not able to receive them, which caus'd much grief and distress to the Kind ministering Spirits, but they said with this Kind counsel, we might receive their Love and blessing. [illegible]

Elder Brother Eli expres'd his thankfulness in a very feeling manner, that we had the blessed opportunity of meeting together unolested by the wicked world, and said he often felt thankful for the blessing, and reminded us that the time might come when this would not be the case. ____

_____ Meeting clos'd. _____

Nov 20th 1845. _____ Thanksgiving day. _____

_____ The Church met in the Meeting House at ½ past Eight A.M. _____ Elder John read a long communication from the Holy Savior, given at the Holy Mount, on the subject of prayer, It was desirable that believers should cultivate the Habit of Prayer, and should learn to pray aright.

As an evidence of the virtue of prayer, there were many passages of Ancient Scripture quoted, were the prayers of the faithfull were answer'd. But in a particular manner we were

directed to the memorable prayer of Solomon, the King of Israel, at the dedication of the Temple at Jerusalem. We were exhorted to pray for the holy Spirit of God, and were promis'd that the blessing would assuredly be given to all who would ask aright, confidently believing they would receive. ———

——— After the meeting had fairly open'd and singing and dancing was entered into with spirit and life; Father David was seen amongst us ministering life and power.

Father William was also present, and some were repro'd for coming into the holy Sanctuary not in a perfectly justified State, and kindly warn'd to do so no more, as such brot death and gloom into meeting, which was painful and distressing to the more faithful part. He exhorted all to be prepar'd for the increase, to purify their own souls, and be ready to step forward. He gave each a light whereby they could see their own shortcomings & imperfections, but the light extended to the faults of none but themselves. He call'd on us to bow our souls low before God, and humble ourselves to the dust, that we might stand as helps to other souls, for the work of God would move on swiftly. ———

——— Many good testimonies were born by the people and many good promises made to be earnestly in the work. ———

——— Brother Andrew was present and gave us his Love and blessing. ——— An Angel of power has taken his stand in the Holy Sanctuary for a time, but for what particular purpose was not reveal'd at this time. ——— Strength and power was liberally minister'd thro the course of the meeting, and the the blessed company of a numerous host of heavenly Visitors, was sensibly felt, encouraging and building up the good and faithful Children of Zion. ——— We Kneeled in solemn prayer and supplication for the rising generation, and we bowed in thankfulness, for the goodness of God, and the

blessings we felt; and all the living had to acknowledge they had receivd an ample reward for every apparent sacrafice which the work of God required.

Meeting closd as usual after continuing from ½ past 8 A.M. untill ¼ past 12. P.M.

Nov. 23rd 1845. _____ Sabbath _____

_____ Church Meeting. After the usual manner meeting openid by singing an Anthem, at the close of which Elder Brother requested all to be carefull of fire, in all places where it was necessarily usd as it was a destructive Element and difficult to manage when it gaind the advantage.

But he went on to observe that there was another fire, that it was of great consequence for us to attend to. He said the time was advancing when it was likely, that the borders of Zion would be enlargd, and it became necessary that there should be an increase of care as regards the use of the tongue; He said it was a little member, but by its their might be a great fire Kindled, and could set on fire the whole course of nature, it was a world of iniquity, defiling the whole body, and was itself set on fire of Hell. So that he hopd that all would be alive and awake, to govern, and keep that member in Subordination to the order of the gospel, and they would find a blessing and an increase in obedience to the counsel. _____

_____ Elder John askd who desird to have a Key to open the door of their mansion, when they entrd the Eternal world _____ All answerd, "I do. _____ He said, while he was at the Holy Mount, a Key for each of Mothers Children at the West had been given him, that would open the door of the mansion prepard for them in the Spiritual world, and it was requested by the giver, that each one that receivd a Key, might

promise to be more faithful to Keep the Gospel, because the adorning of their mansion would depend on the improvement of their time while here. All with uplifted hands made the promise and receiv'd their Key. _____ An Angel now appear'd whose mission was to minister confidence, and to bear testimony that each honest Soul would feel full and perfect confidence in proportion to their simple obedience to the order of God and the gifts from the heavens. _____ The Love of Mother began to be felt in the body, and was seen Showering down on the assembly. _____ A large company of bright Spirits now appear'd, who declar'd they had been witnesses of the many good things that had been Show'r'd down upon us for many Years, many of which had been profitably occupied, and much had not been improv'd. They said the fragments and crumbs thus wasted, they had carefully gather'd up, and Sav'd, and if Mothers Children would now accept of them they would they were willing now to Scatter the blessings amongst the people, which they did and they were thankfully receiv'd. _____ _____ This meeting this day was remarkable for life and animation, Youth and aged seeming to enjoy their privileges, and there was a general expression of thankfulness from very many of all classes, for the blessed & beautiful order of the gospel. Singing and laboring was very lively, and much of every thing that can delight and edify good believers was exercised in simplicity and freedom. _____ Meeting clos'd with four low bows in sincere and heartfelt thankfulness for the manifold blessings of the glorious Gospel of Christ and Mother.

Yabbath. _____ Novr 30th 1845. _____

_____ Church Meeting _____ Bung assembled; Elder James Rankin and Brother Amos Balance present; We sang an Anthem and an Hymn, after which the visiting brethren kindly gave us the Love of the good brethren & Sisters at Pleasant Hill Kentucky. They gave it out, while they were walking up and down between the brethren and Sisters repeating the following words, which we repeated in union simultaneously with them; " I will walk the narrow way, and keep my union day by day." _____

We then formed in order for marching, and while engag'd in this exercise, Elder Brother encourag'd us to gather freedom and simplicity. After a little time, we were informa, that there was a large company of holy Angels, ready arriv-d & waiting to come in. After they came in, being made heartily welcome; they said if we desird their help and blessing, and were willing to humble ourselves on our knees and pray for it, we would receive it; Accordingly we knelt and pray'd for it, and they united with us, and their blessing was indeed felt and acknowledg'd. _____ A Holy Angel now announces a gift from the Holy Saviour, who being now in the assembly would minister the gift, if in Union, himself. There is Union felt and express'd. He then said I have brot at this time a gift of prayer and good will to all men; and if Ye would really know and feel the efficacy of this gift, then indeed must Ye be doers of the work. Your prayers must extend not only to Yourselves in Zion but also to those without, not only to frien but also to Enemies. If since I first ministerd to You thy gift of prayer, You have bridled Your tongues, laboring to do the will of You in his holy fear, Ye may see the travel of Your Souls and be satisfied, and if Ye continue in this labor all will be well.

If Ye have not made light of the holy way of God, nor of any of his holy gifts, all is well. If Your labor has been to look narrowly into Yourselves, and been honest and faithful to rectify every thing there that the light You have will enable You to discover, all is well. The day is not far distant, when there shall be a work wought, amongst those who are not now of the fold, and room has to made for poor needy souls in the world, at this time; be assur'd from this holy Zion the wicked has to be purg'd. Yea now is the day for the putting away all the wil in Your knowledge, words without works will benefit no one. Many there are now, Saith the Saviour who would gladly come now, and be thankful for the way of the living God, if they knew where to find it. Ye know not what is conceal'd in the bosoms of many who are now in the world; the inexpressible anxiety and burning in the soul, with a longing desire to find out the true and living way of God, Ye know little about, Ye see as through a glass darkly, and know not what is in the hearts of men, but Your Saviour knows what is there. Therefore labor Ye to possess the Spirit of prayer, to prepare the way for the multitude that will Yet flock to Your doors, so that the poor may find You able ministers of that which they will need, and which they will have a right to expect You to possess. To gain the true Spirit of Supplication and prayer, it is worth putting away every thing that stands in the way, and all who are is found thus prepar'd will receive the Saviours blessing. _____

_____ The Holy Angels now present, have a good store of Simplicity to minister, and they say we can receive it by blowing three times on our golden trumpets of Peace. We did so, and receiv'd the beautiful gift. _____ Elder John, now felt a gift for us all to unite and labor a song without music, to labor for the quickening power of God, that we might be enabled to receive bountifully of the holy ministration

of the Angels. In this gift there was felt a manifest increase of Power, and a word was heard from the Angels in attendance testifying that they would pour upon us their holy influence, and they would also pour upon us the true Spirit of prayer and supplication if we desir'd it, and that we would find thro' the medium of the Spirit of Prayer a great blessing as the Saviour had promis'd.

Acceptible prayer can only be offer'd and answer'd, where the evils of life are put away according to the best understanding. — Father David now came in and bestow'd a special blessing on the Aged, and they divide liberally with the Young and middle aged. ——— A Band of Holy Angels now came in & desir'd us to help them drive away bondage and death, in order to receive the gifts of God more freely, as there was a cloud present, which seem'd to impede the free flow of the Holy gifts. ——— Brother Andrew now came in to meeting, and brot Love, and the quickening power of God to Fathers Josephs class. And also a Holy Angel has a present for the same class; that is a sword of Power, it is a sword that belongs to the whole Armor of God, and every one that chooses may receive one, and whoever receives one of these Swords and will use it aright, shall finally be presented with the whole armour of God, and be cloth'd with it, as far as the state of their travel may render it needful. ——— A holy bright Angel now appear'd, with a beautiful Cup in his hand, full of the living power of God, and said if we would hold out our cups, he would fill them. ——— A Holy Angel now was seen coming from the North West, beating on a drum, beating for Volunteers, who are prepar'd to make a full and whole sacrafice, and keep no Idol back, but sacrafice all freely for the sake of Eternal life and the blessings of the Gospel. ——— The Holy Savior is yet present, and says; He is desirous to bestow on his

Children here the same Love, that he gave to his disciples. In order to do this he will work mightily in Zion, here in this place, to the humbling the exalted, and purging out evil, and to the purification of her inhabitants. And the Sun Beams of my light, says he, shall yet shine thro' out all her borders. My Love, saith the Saviour is boundless and universal, it extends to all, in and out of the fold.

Ye little know how extremely blind the Children of this world are, by reason of superstition and Priestcraft, and every thing of the kind that the Devil can invent. My soul desires the Salvation and blessing of all souls, and the day shall come when their spirits shall be reach'd in Mercy, and they shall flock to Your doors by hundreds, And O the tongue must be bridled, and the lofty imaginations of man shall be brought low in that day. By universal sympathy, at this moment we all Knel'd, And the instrument said "O! the Holy Saviours Love, is now flowing over us, it is flowing, flowing, flowing, in beautiful pure white, O! it is rolling like the billows of the Ocean, and we may receive it if we will, in such a manner as will enable us to do his holy will. "We then arose and Elder John propos'd that we should receive the Saviours Love by repeating these words, in a United Voice. "We kindly thank thee holy Saviour for this treasure". The Saviour then continued his discourse, Dear Children Know Ye that there are thousands of the poor lost Children of this world, that would gladly come to You now, if they only Knew they could get the crums of heavenly good that You waste, If they could only sense Your blessed gifts how would they leave all and rush forward. If You could See the complicated wretchedness and misery, the sorrow and Suffering, of poor lost Souls in the world, distress and agony of Spirits occupying the whole mind and that continually, how careful You would be to make the best use of every blessing You receive, in order that You might Spare Some to those who need, & are now in darkness.

And who is it that would not be glad to take them in, and who is it that would be willing to be a stumbling block in the way of such souls over whom they might fall. I can know and see the burning fire unquench'd, and gnawing worm, that is consuming the hearts of the human family, secretly and silently undermining all their comforts, and leaving them without a ray of rational enjoyment; but Ye see it not, and if You did, You would feel a portion of what I feel for them, and You would open Your hearts, Your hands and Your doors, and say Welcome, Welcome, Ye are call'd by Your heavenly Father, and all things are now ready: Come, O come. But the day is near at hand, when the word shall be sent, and they shall be gather'd into Mount Zion, there to learn the way of God, and be bless'd in their obedience; And for the hastening of that day will the faithful pray. o. c. + 7 ||| ∞ + o ||. ——

—————— An Angel desires to bestow a beautiful tablet, on which is written that which every one that receives one may read & understand how he may be perfectly right. And also they have silver plates, on which is written the true spirit of Prayer, with all its holy influences. It also contains the spirit of repentance &. Also the Angels which have Charge at the Chosen square have brought large Sacks fill'd with good gifts to bestow on the Zion of God in this place, and amongst the rest is the gift of prayer. And it is the desire of the Holy Saviour that the good ministry from P. Hill, shall not only receive from the Sacks of the 500 Angels from the Chosen Square, but that he had a beautiful treasure of mercy, Long-forbearance, and Charity, and also many other good gifts, that he had brought here he desire them to be sharers in, and take the same to their people.

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It is contain'd in an ark prepar'd for the purpose by Mother Ann. The Ministry are desire to stand side and side four feet assunder, and it shall be plac'd on their shoulders, and

afterwards taken off by the 500 Angels, who will accompany the Ministry home, and convey the treasures, safely and, commit them into their hands when there, for their People. After which they would again return home to their post of duty at the Chosen Square.

The Angels also cover'd them with holy gifts. Also there was beau-tiful Crowns of Peace and Comfort; wrought by the hands of Mother Molly Goodrich, they are very beautiful, wrought with alternate Stripes of Gold and Silver, these Crowns the Saviour desird should be plac'd on their heads. _____ Elder John now gave the Love from the Holy Mount to Pleasant Hill in which we all shar'd. We recein'd as given out at Ha M. viz. Singers in the Middle or centre of the Sanctuary and all the rest dancing round them.

Sang a Hymn and meeting clos'd.

December 7th 1845. _____ Sabbath. _____

_____ Church Meeting. _____ Commenc'd as usual by Singing an Anthem and hymn. Elder John observ'd that he felt an impression to speak his feelings, and then stated that he felt a for-giving Spirit towards all souls; He said he was thankful for the Gospel because it inculcated the principle of forgiveness, and that he only expected forgiveness from others in proportion as he cultivated the lovely principle in himself. _____ One said there had been a band of holy Angels in Meeting from the early part of the meeting; and their mission was to minister the true spirit of Prayer and Supplication, and all that sincerely desir'd help to gain a Gift to confess and repent of their Evils, if they would labor and pray for releasement from things they had done which they knew to be offensive to God, they should be help'd to the power, according to their honesty and sincerity. _____ One Brother testified, that he was thankful for the Gospel, and said the

burden of his mind had been that we might sense truly the greatness of our privelege, in having it in our power to come face to face to an Order of God, where we might freely unbosom our souls and open our hearts, with all our difficulties, and in so doing find full and perfect justification, and peace of mind. He queried whether we did not by becoming familiar with that order, we did not gradually lose a certain degree of reverence for God, in his order which we ought to feel. Do we sense that God is truly and verily in that Order, and approach it, with that degree of Reverence, which we ought to do. He concluded by saying he believ'd we had much to gain yet on that particular point. _____ At the close of the Meeting Elder John recommended us to be in a labor to release and cleanse our minds, at the Yearly Sacrafice, fully, and thoroughly; Confession should be done in a gift, and there would be a blessing in it. He said Confess and forsake, as forsaking Sin is indeed true Repentance, and the only way to Repent to the acceptance of God.

Meeting Closed as usual.

Church Meeting none. Time devoted to attending to the Yearly Sacrafice. _____

_____ Sabbath. _____ Dec. 14th 1845. ___

Sabbath. _____ December 21st 1845. ____

Church Meeting. _____ Comfortable Meeting attended with Life and power. Mothers Love descended on the Children and was very refreshing. ___

_____ The Prophet Nathan attended this meeting and united with the Church, and gave us his Love and blessing. He said his mission would be known in

due time'. _____ Father William came, with a company of heavenly Spirits, & ministerd to us, He said O! my Children prize Your day & privelege, If You could sense the day You live in, You would feel very thankful for the privelege You enjoy. _____ The Prophet then spake and said. The gift we were call'd to labor in, was not to pray for fire to come down from heaven to consume our adversaries or to pray for the judgements of God to overtake them; but to labor for the spirit of Love to each other, and Love to the whole human family. We ought to pray in the Spirit of Love even for the wicked that the mercy of God might reach them.

We are call'd by Mothers gospel to labor for that holy and impartial Love that will bind and cement us, in one united band, and in that united Spirit to pray in faith fervently for the good of immortal Souls as well without the pale of the Church as in it. Yea, it is Love and not hatred, Blessing and not cursing, that Mothers Children are call'd to labor and pray for. It is very important indeed that this Spirit be gain'd, because the time draweth nigh when an awful day will arrive, both in relation to the Children of Zion, and to the children of this world. Let the Children of Zion walk in low humil-iation, and in strict Union with their visible head, and learn to pray aright, for the day is at hand when all will feel the need of close Union, and a living relation to the work of God. It is astonishing how blind and weak many are in regard to this thing, many have hardly ever thought seriously of praying to God for strength to stand in the hour of trial; Such are in danger of sliding by little and little on the enemies ground, and suffering great loss. I see, said the Prophet far into futurity, and

I know what will take place, by the Spirit of Prophecy for ages to come, and I know Zions Children will Get feel the need and benefit of Prayer, and a true spirit of supplications, to enable them to stand as firm pillars in the House of their God, and fill the important duties that such a station will demand of them. Therefore gather while the harvest lasts, let none be found in the field without Sickles, reap, gather and bind, and lay up in store for the time of need will assuredly come. He recommended if in Union, for all to Kneel down and pray for the givings of the Holy Spirit, and it should be given, so that they should feel its influence. _____

Thursday. December 25th 1845. _____

_____ Church Meeting. _____

Christmas _____ This day the whole Society assembled together by the appointment of the Holy Saviour at 9½ O. clock A.M. to unite in supplications and prayer for the mercy of God, for ourselves and for Mankind in general.

All being seated Elder John read a communication from the Holy Saviour on the duty, nature and effects of Prayer.

The Lords Prayer and a hymn was now sung, after which we labor'd some in the quick manner; briskly endeavoring to shake off, whatever might be in the way of receiving the precious gifts of God. While on our feet, during this exercise, we were inform'd that a beautiful band of the bright Angels of Peace had enter'd the holy Sanctuary, and were now ministering the blessed gift of Prayer and repentance, and at the same time were throwing their Charity and Love over the assembled multitude. They also plac'd Crowns of Peace on the heads of all

Another instrument now declar'd the presence of the 12 holy Apostles in company with a large number of departed Spirits who once liv'd here in Earthen tabernacles. They say their gift is to unite with the holy Angels, to administer the true Spirit of Repentance & supplication to the congregation. At this time the presence of the Holy Saviour was announc'd having a vase out of which he was seen pouring the blessed gift of repentance on the People, and saying let Your hearts be soften'd, and receive the blessing which will be offer'd to You this day.

Very many bore witness to the presence of the holy Angels, of the Apostles, and departed Spirits, and also of the Holy Saviour, they also witness'd that they had been sent from the throne of God, with strength and blessing, and all that are prepar'd shall be fill'd with the blessing of heaven. _____ "An instrument now says", that the holy Saviour desires to say to the assembly, "You should pray for the poor lost children of this world, as well as for Yourselves, and always remember, that it is thro' the goodness of God, as manifested in his order, that You receive every good gift, all Your Spiritual and temporal blessings, and one side of this channel no good can come. Again he says here is a gift of thankfulness, which I desire You to receive, and I exhort You always to return thanks to God Your heavenly Father for every blessing You receive, and never be unmindful or forgetful of this important duty. He now waves his blessing and Love over us, And says "Little children, bless one another, and let Your hearts be soften'd and bow'd down in prayer to God. _____ We now kneel'd down in solemn prayer and supplication, the holy Angels and Apostles with us, who desire that our Spirits might be united with theirs. _____ Holy Angels innumerable descend from heaven whose mission is to minister the blessings and gifts of God, to all who are prepar'd to receive them. _____ Elder John desires that all may be given up, and devoted to receive the

influence from these holy Angels, and let them have access to our souls, and he desires all to be free, to speak and to do the will of these heavenly Messengers, and does himself pray that he may be so childlike and simple as to be a sharer in the divine blessings.

_____ Brother Amos stated, that he felt an impression to state his feelings in regard to a gift of God which had been given him many days since, and which was now brot fresh to his mind, with the same feelings that accompanied the gift when first given. The substance of the gift was this. It was a time of great distress and tribulation on the body, and his mind was in a serious labor on the subject; when in a vision of the night there appear'd before him a man of God, who seem'd perfectly acquainted with the whole state of the body. He was friendly and familiar, and talk'd freely on the subject, and made him understand that the true cause of all the difficulty in the body, was a want of a simple honest spirit of dependence on the gift of God in proper Order, this was the Evil, which produc'd the barrenness, poverty and emptiness of the body; After this plain testimony; he the stranger Kneel'd down under the influence of the most solemn gift of Supplication and prayer, and made him Amos feel and know that there would be no remedy for the Evils of the body but in low humility and sincere prayer to God for deliverance, together with a true spirit of obedience to the order of God as manifested by the Gospel. Amos said this scene was presented to his mind very forcibly soon after he came into meeting, insomuch that he felt constrain'd to speak of it. _____

_____ We now took our seats, and two other communications were read which related to the gifts of the day, one of which had been given this morning. _____ Our ever blessed Mother Ann now enter'd the Sanctuary, with a great Company of bright Angels, and ministered to us a cup

of comfort, and said, tho' we might meet much tribulation and sore persecution, Yet that if we would be faithful and obedient we should be protected by the same hand that protected her.

And again says Mother, (by another witness) I have implor'd my heavenly Father, that my children in this place might be blest with a spirit of true repentance. And now hear my word O my Children, there are many of You, that will have to withstand great persecution, even as we had in the beginning, therefore gather now of the abundant blessings which are so freely offer'd unto You, and if You are faithfull, You will be enabled to bear the great tribulation which will fall upon You; Yea the obedient and faithful shall see the day that unborn millions will praise Your name, and give thanks, that You were able to keep the blessed gospel, which will be handed to them, and by which they shall find their Salvation and acceptance with God. But again says Mother, not one of You will see the Kingdom of God, with one hand feeling, or any thing that will marr or break the golden thread of Love and Union that binds the Souls of my children in one United band. And now if You will Kneel down, and bow Your Spirits low I will unite the golden thread, where it is marr'd; And now says Mother I do pray that You may be from this time bless'd with Strength to go Strong and joyfully on Your Journey, and finally gain the Victory. Elder Jn.^ now feels to bless the aged, such as in this place may be call'd Mothers first born; He says he has been bless'd by them, and often felt their Strength; He said their faces shone bright in his view. Mother approves of the gift, and says she has bless'd them with Strength and power, with which they may bless them that are Young in faith, and also those that are Young in Years. According to the gift the blessing was freely pour'd out. ____ Father Williams now call'd on the

aged to wave their Love over the Young believers, and on the Elders of the Junior order, and says he will unite with them, which was feelingly done, so that it was felt and acknowledg'd.

Father Williams said the aged had passed thro' much tribulation, and had gain'd a treasure, which they can bestow on the Younger.——— We now sang an Anthem, and labor'd a song in the quick manner. While in this exercise Father David was announc'd as present, and walking up and down in the midst of the Sanctuary, ministering to the people the quickening power of God, also with him a bright band of holy Angels, having in their hands glittering sheets of fire, whereon was exemplified the living power of God, a sheet was also given to every one whereon his true state was visibly portray'd, they could see and understand tho' it their true state and standing. Moreover this company of holy Angels have come to Unite with us in prayer, and Supplication for ourselves, and in behalf of the nations abroad in the world.——— Singing, dancing, Shaking and shouting now going on, in the power and gift of God.———

——— Saith an inspir'd one, Brethren and Sisters I am thankful for the gospel, I am thankfull for my privilege; I have this day had the blessed privilege of beholding the holy Ark, in which the children of the Zion of God, shall ultimately rest and find Safety. This beautiful Ark is composed of true light. But Mother Ann Says, all must bow low, low, low, to enter this beautiful Ark of rest; and Ye have indeed to pass thro' much tribulation before Ye enter therein. Yea dear Children Your faith must be firm, bow low, and doubt not, put away all unbelief, never sink in Your feelings nor doubt, but believe fully and perfectly, and walk in the steps that I have trodden before You.———

Yea says the holy Saviour, doubt not, for the doubtfull soul can never enter into that beautiful Ark. He now desires that we should labor a song to bless one another, and we may do it in a little song "We will pray for the rocks to open" &c ———

——— Father William thinks there is Yet bondage in Meeting, and he wishes us to shake ourselves loose from the Spirit of unbelief. We did as requir'd; And Mother Ann said, it is true there is a spirit of unbelief here, that would make us believe we could not receive the gifts of God, but says Mother, my dear children, do not believe it, let no one go from this spot, with a lean or barren Soul, for I have many blessed gifts here to day myself, and every one may receive them, if they will honestly labor for them; Yea all that are honest and industrious will gain them, and Know for themselves that in these blessed gifts there is a glorious reality. ———

——— Father William says, that pride and lust is the true cause of unbelief; if You will put away all pride and lust, You will not be troubled with unbelief; O! Shake, Shake! the Angels of heaven are Shaking to try to drive away that Cloud of unbelief; And O! dear Children Shake Yourselves loose from its deadly influence. ——— O! Says Mother, my dear children, will You give up Your hard feelings and come down, and seek Your protection in the order of God. Will You promise me this day to give them up; My blessing shall rest upon every soul who will give them up, and come down and humble themselves in proper order, for she says there are some here, who have such feelings, and if they do not give them up, they will be swept off the ground, and she wishes us to pray for all who are in an unprepar'd state, that they may be help'd. ——— Father David desires the Church to bless the second family, and Young believers, and let them have the floor to labor a song, and while thus engag'd, the Church may bestow their Love & blessing on them.

An inspird one says, Father William and Father James are walking up and down the Alley with vessels of heavenly wine, which they desire us to receive. _____ Now it is seen and declar'd that the windows of heaven are open'd, and the heavens and Earth draw near together, and a free and pleasant intercourse took place between the visible and invisible, between the Heavens and the Earth. _____ Elder Isacher presents the Ministry with baskets of fire, for the consuming of evil which is Yet in the house, and cover'd from their knowledge, which must be burn'd. The Ministry use it as required. _____ The second family and Young order now take the floor according to the request of Father David, and while they praise God in the dance, the Church bless'd them and encourag'd them to be good and true and faithfull. While this was being accomplish'd holy messengers arriv'd from the holy Mount, bringing the blessing of Peace and Comfort to all Mothers children in the West. Immediately after this Elder Archibald appear'd saying I am one that cometh and goeth as I am sent, and I am come at this time with many precious gifts of God, to bestow upon the Children in this place; I have said he the choicest blessings of heaven, it is the blessing of Mothers Love, and all who are prepar'd may now receive bountifully of the precious gifts of God, and also he said the pure Love of God for those of the Young Order, who had return'd their thanks for the Love of the Church. _____ _____ We were then inform'd that we had not gather'd the half of Mothers Love, it was on the floor in great quantities, It was seen to flow over and all around us, as a sheet of fire, and all who are in a situation to receive it may gather and carry it home. _____ _____ Again the exercise began, after singing as

we stood the beautiful little song, "The sweetest of Love my Mother gave me" &c. At this time the whole house seem'd full of inspiration, and so many tongues were employ'd, that much that was spoken could not be recorded, Shouting, rejoicing, leaping, singing, weeping, with tears of both Joy and sorrow all burst forth, and show'd a time of intense feeling for a season. This state of things continued for a short time, and it seem'd as tho' the united ministration of the body of holy Angels and good spirits in attendance was pour'd out upon us, and every living Spirit in the house, own'd the power, and felt that the glory of God fill'd the house in deed and in truth; and we were feelingly warn'd that if any fail'd of gaining the blessing of God it would be their own fault. ——— After this intense state of feeling had a little subsided; Father William and Father James minister'd a gift of watchfulness & prayer, and said we might receive the gift, by turning round three times, and repeating these words, each time as we went round, "Lord grant us this spirit". ———

——— The holy Saviour and Mother Ann now brot us a basket of fruit, and again they solemnly warn us to prepare for a day of great tribulation which should shortly roll over us, to prepare ourselves in such a way, that we would be able to meet it and stand. Peace and joy was liberally distributed, and we were kindly invited to gather plenty. ——— The Glory of the Lord, Yet fills the Sanctuary, this is reitterated from every quarter of the house, and the very air is said by the inspir'd ones to be full of the gifts of heaven, and all were exhorted to freedom in the exercise of their gifts, as they felt to, and not be one looking on another, and all that would freely and

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and voluntarily thus devote themselves should be made partakers of the blessing. _____ At this time appear'd some of the ancient Prophets, and promis'd that their word should be heard before the close of the meeting; they are moving thro' the Sanctuary Clothi'd with great power, and put their words in the mouths of those who will speak them. _____ An inspir'd one is now shown the Zion of God, under the similitude of a beautiful Spreading tree, extending its branches far and wide, most beautiful to behold, but the one to whom it is shown, is inform'd by the attending Angels, that much tribulation, suffering & pain, would fall to the lot of Zion before she would come to the flourishing and prosperous state and condition indicated by the tree. _____ The attending ancient Prophets now desire to pray with us, and request every one to pray for that which they most need. If they wish for any particular gift or blessing they may feel free and pray for it, in full faith, not doubting. If they wish that the trumpet be blown to wake up the Sleeping nations, be it so, and whatever is desirable, and in the line of the holy Order of God, let every one ask for in confidence, all shall be heard, and all shall be made comfortable and happy in their honest endeavors to increase the blessed unity of God. _____ An inspired one, Kneeling down Sang a beautiful Anthem given immediately from the Heavens, as follows. " Blow Ye the trumpet of the "Lord, O Ye holy Saints in heaven, blow Ye the trumpet of "God to the ends of the Earth. And behold the Sound shall go "forth, and the Sound, the holy and beautiful Sound thereof "shall be peace, New Peace and Salvation to the Souls of men. "Salvation and peace is the mission of the holy Saviour to the "inhabitants of the Earth. Blow Ye the trumpet of Peace that "the nations of the Earth may hear, that the nations of the Earth

may hear the glad tidings of Salvation, Salvation Salvation from sin. Behold the Judgments of Almighty God hang over the Earth, ready to be executed on the guilty nations who dwell therein. O Pray Ye to the Lord, that they may repent and turn unto him, and that the glad tidings of the blessed gospel of Salvation may be sweetly sounded to the remotest quarters of the globe, and be permanently establish'd in every inhabited land; And that the banner of the Lord be spread forth as an ensign to the nations kindreds tongues and people on the whole Earth &c&c Part of the Anthem was lost in consequence of the writers not being able to keep up with the singer. _____

_____ Father Williams says he has a rich present for the Brethren and Sisters, a rich blessing which he says will enable us to keep our vows, which we have this day voluntarily made. He says the holy Angels who are present are about to clothe us with a beautiful robe, and they will lend them unto us and make useful their holy influence to teach and instruct us how to pray to God aright, how to pray for our enemies and our Brethren and Sisters, they will teach us to pray so that we will not build up ourselves, but will build up and support one another in obedience to our most holy faith. _____

_____ A beautiful band of Angels are now declar'd to be present whose countenances shine with the clothing and Spirit of our anointed head, whose word they say, is the will of God at all times. _____ Elder John observ'd that he felt thankfull, that the gifts of God were so abundant, and that they were so freely offer'd to all, he hop'd none would go away empty but would partake of the offer'd blessing. _____ Holy Mother Wisdom's little Seraph, now comes forward with a little book from holy Mother, for every one present; this little Book, says the Seraph contains beautiful lessons of Wisdom such as will be profitable for every one to take pains to peruse, and will be of

great benefits to them, and the good Angels who attend them will helps them to read them and to understand what they read. _____ The Prophet Nathan desires to speak if it be in union. "Behold all Ye children of Zion, Ye little ones who are call'd out of this world of pollution to travel in the Kingdom of our God. It is not the will of Your heavenly Father, that You should call down fire from heaven to destroy Your Adversaries, as I lately told You, but Ye are call'd to labor for Love, Love for one another, Love for the lost children of men, Yea and even Love for Your enemies. Pray Ye not that the Judgments of God overtake them in their sins, but that they repent them of the Evil, and thereby escape the rolling Judgments that hang over them. Behold said the Prophet I saw in the West a little cloud, and in process of time it form'd into two clouds, and I saw untill it came and stood over Zion and bursted, and dis-charg'd its contents on the City. Who does not See and Know, says the Prophet, that the Spirit of prayer and supplication are needed for the protection of Zion. Pre-pare You, Yea be ready, Zions children must walk low, very low, Yea they must feel, and really be very low; in Prayer and Supplication must she prepare herself, and in low trib-ulation must every child be cloth'd. You must be prepar'd to bless and not to curse. Yea indeed saith the Prophet, the deepest humiliation alone will enable Zion to keep her place, and be able to protect, and sustain the lost Sheep, that Yet will come, tho' they do not now belong to the fold. They are suffering now on the barren hills of desolation, but an en-sign shall be rais'd, the trumpet shall be sounded, and they shall come, and the gift of God shall sustain them. Zion shall See many bright days, but forget it not, her safety and her protection, is walking low, very low, and very humbly must

she walk, judgment shall be taken away from her by humility alone. Remember this and forget it not, for the windows of heaven shall be open'd to the Children of this world, and they shall know it is the power of the great God, and they shall hear, and fear, and tremble before the mighty sounding trumpet, which shall awake them from the sleep of death. Remember all Ye sheep of the flock, and all Ye Lambs of the fold, that every gift of God that is given You, will be needed, Yea all the gifts of Heaven that have ever been given You will be put in requisition. Remember the true Spirit of Prayer and Supplication, made in low humiliations, and the true Spirit of Repentance, will bind You together in one holy Spirit, it will work charity and softness of feeling in Your Spirits, and in that Kind gospel Spirit of dependence on God and one another, the Children of Zion will escape the judgments now hanging over them. The Prophet Spake more on this Subject but the above is all that could be correctly retain'd by the writers. _____ Elder John desires all who have the gift of inspiration may continue to pray for an increase of the gift, and they will in their obedience and faithfulness find an increase. _____ A gift is now felt for all under thirty five and over twelve to gather into the middle of the house, and labor for the gifts of God, and the rest of the more aged, to pray as they passed by them, in a circle for the Spirit of inspiration to rest on them. _____ An inspired one declares, the gifts of God are now flowing from the heavens. O Young people, Keep it before Your eyes, the blessing and privilege of giving up Your hearts and Souls to Mother. _____ O my eyes are open to see the glory of God. I love the way of God. I am truly thankful for my privilege in it. _____ While Father Josephs class were thus exercising, he himself in company of a large number of holy Spirits from the Holy Mount, came

and hot a special and particular blessing for them. It was a present of the Charity and mercy of God, they were seen liberally pouring it over the people, and ministering the overcoming Power to all who wish it. _____ Elder Archibald says, we have given You Mothers Sweetest Love, a bright cross for each one to wear on the breast. Br. Andrew Houston now came in and wished his love given to Father Josephs class. The Class expressed a feeling of sincere thankfulness, and entered into renewed Covenant to keep the gospel in the true Spirit of it according to their faith and understanding; the Youth seem'd to feel Strong and determin'd in their resolutions. There was in some a spirit of Repentance manifest, with tears and cries to God to have mercy, and to enable them to walk in his holy fear by day and by night. Bro. Andrew desires his Love to be given again in a little Song, " O! where is the Soul that Sayeth, I have no need to repent". The Class now ask a privelege to Kneel down and beg the prayers of the Ministry Elders, Brethren and Sisters; which is freely granted.

Father Joseph blesses them, and Elder Archibald also, and wishes to Know, "who that has ever tasted Mothers Love, would not give up all for it? _____

_____ A fountain of the Waters of life is now seen flowing in the alley, and all are invited to partake and refresh themselves. The Young people return their thanks to the aged for their Love and blessing. Father Williams desires the Youth to bestow their Love and blessing on the beloved aged Brethren and Sisters. _____

_____ We now stood up in our places, and Mother Ann presented the assembly with four baskets of fruit, which she desired the Elders of the first Order, to distribute, and after singing two or three

Songs, and mutually interchanging Love from Ministry Elders, Brethren and Sisters, and expressing our thanks for the distinguish'd blessings of the day, the meeting clos'd having occupied nearly 5 hours.

December 28th 1845. ——— Sabbath ———
——— Church Meeting. ——— The Ministry and Elders minister'd to us this morning the necessity of laboring for a spirit of thankfulness and prayer— We were requested to Kneel down and pray to God for protection and strength to keep the way of God. Elder Brother said he believ'd a spirit of thankfulness would be an acceptable offering ——— After some exercise we recei'd a ministration from the heavens; A band of holy Angels bro't and pour'd upon us a spirit of thankfulness. Soon after we recei'd another ministration, an instrument declar'd the living spirit of God was spirit of God was present, and said, " that if we were given up and really devoted to the work of God, we would not have to labor so hard for the gifts of the spirit; but we would leap for joy under the influence of his holy Spirit, and would do this voluntarily and with delight without having to work so hard to gain it ———
——— Father William and Father Joseph are here, and they have bro't a gift of confidence in God and in one another; they say there is amongst us a lack of true confidence in the gift of God.

Father William said after we had labor'd a song without any music, we might gather the Love of our heavenly Parents, and the holy Saviour. ——— The Ancient James and Jane Wandley and some of their followers now came in and asked a privilege to relate some of their experience in regard to the first opening of that portion of the gospel they recei'd while Mother was in England. They stated they were thankfull when Mother first open'd the gospel to them, thankful that she had been

notic'd of God and bless'd with a fullness of the revelations and will of God. James says we kept the way of God thro' much tribulation, that when they assembled to worship God, they frequently had to secrete themselves in some conceal'd place. That is very differ. ent from the privelege enjoy'd in this day. Where You can worship God in Your own house unmolested, And I rejoice that it is so, and we are thankful to come and be partakers with You. He then infomi'd us that the simplicity which they gain'd in the beginning thro' sufferings had remain'd with them, and if we desired it they would minister a portion of the same to us. They seem'd humble and thankfull for the way of God. We express'd thankfulness for their visit, and made them welcome in four low bows.— ——— In this meeting many express'd thankfulness for the Love they felt for their brethren and Sisters. Much of it was felt in the beginning, and all thro' the meeting, the presence of the good Spirits was much felt in blessing us with a spirit of thankfulness and dependance. ——————— Father William says " Draw near unto me while I give unto You a cup of consolation; there has many of Your ancient parents in the Gospel come this day to bless You, with the goodness and blessing of God; and I wish You to know I have thanks and bles. sing to bestow to those who were faithful in the beginning, he said he thank'd James and Jane Wardley and should continue to thank them. ——————— Eldress Betsy has a gift here for Father Joseph's class, She wants them to feel their Souls strengthen'd by the precious gifts of God. There is here now a strong gift for the Young, James and Jane Wardley has a gift for them and has given it to the aged, and wishes them to gather it, and bestow it on the Youth and all under thirty five. They are desir'd to labor for and gain an increase above that which they have Yet ever realiz'd, of the blessed and precious

gifts of God. Father Josephs class then gather'd into the centre, and the aged roll'd out the gift they had receiv'd on them liberally, in which James and Jane, and them that were with them in the beginning most heartily united. And the Youth thank'd the aged for the pains they had taken to helps them along. _____

_____ We now gather'd to our places, sang a song and after Elder John had given a few words of general counsel the meeting clos'd as usual.

Church Meeting. _____ Sabbath. _____

_____ January 4th 1846. _____ Meeting commenced this morning by laboring in the step and shuffle manner. After a few observations by Elder Brother of an encouraging nature, Father James Father William and Eldress Betsy, came into meeting and shower'd their blessing and love over the assembly which was felt and acknowledg'd, Mother Ann also attended meeting, and minister'd the quickening power of God. _____

_____ An instrument testified that he saw a small number of Angels in the Sanctuary apparently in consultation, and he heard them say, "true, Zion shall be bless'd or curs'd according to her state. If any have brought, and will bring sin into this holy Sanctuary, and a lie in their mouth intending to cover it, a curse shall fall on that soul. If any are presumptions and wish to put the matter to the test; in haste to know whether God will fulfill his word or not, know surely that he who so comes shall not be guiltless but shall suddenly feel the fire of seperation which shall purge him out of the body. _____

_____ Our heavenly Parents are walking thro' the house ministering holy Zeal among their children, and all who desires to receive it may. But Mother says if any expect to come up to this house with sin cover'd, and a lie in their mouths, and

expect to escape the curse of God, they would be sadly mistaken, for no such soul shall escape. And moreover she said, if there is anything we should be particularly and especially thankful for, it is the protection which we receive from our blessed Head, who have kept the gospel for us, and kindly given us such counsel as we needed from time to time. And She wants all to labor for and gain the true spirit of repentance, and put away the Evil in the order of God, and never come again into this holy Sanctuary with a lie in their mouth or with Sin cover'd. _____ The Prophet Isaiah has come into meeting and has a word to Speak if in Union.

He says "Who is there here in this house that doth not know, that there are none who have long gone contrary to the counsel they receiv'd, and counter to the Sacred order of the gospel, that have ever prosper'd; has it not always been the case, that all who have pursued such a course, have finally lost all just relations to the body, failed and been pung'd out of the body as a dead and wither'd branch from a living tree. — Who does not know that all who have been wicked enough to league with wicked spirits and indulge themselves in their Lust and pride, have justly merited the judgments of God for their ungodly deeds, except they hastily confess'd the wrong they had done, and repent of the Same in true humility and brokenness of Spirit. For such sins as this the judgments of God are now hanging over the Church; the Sword is drawn, and will be let loose, and will cut and seperate all from the body, that leagues with death or covenants with hell, for the word of God is a swift witness against all Sin and iniquity, and in the issue all shall know this of a certainty. Let the wicked in Zion tremble and fear, for in the presence of God they are, their Lust and their pride and their lies to hide them are all open before him. — If You will choose the

flesh instead of the Spirit, the day cometh, Yea is close at hand when God will meet You in a straight place, where there will be no turning. This Solemn warning saith the Prophet I am bound to deliver in the ears of all Zion. No one shall be deceiv'd, and the hope of the hypocrite shall perish. The time is come when the Children of Zion shall make their final choice and every one shall know which side he is on. The way of God is plain, and the light of God is shining so brightly that every one may know his duty, and the power given is sufficient to enable every one to do it, who is willing to walk in obedience to the counsel given them in the Order. And now is given to every one a sheet of fire whereon is written their true state. If any unite with and enter into a league, and lend a hand to build up evil, or if any one shall know of Sin, and keep it Secret, Rolling it under their tongue as a sweet morsel, then shall their portion be with the impure and unholy, and their state is the same and from the faithful shall all such be seperated. And behold saith the Prophet I have with me at this time a present, it is a fire of Seperation, between the precious and the vile; there was once, Says the Prophet, given a water of seperation, but this is a fire of Seperation, and every one may receive of this holy fire from the hand of the Angel that is now present with me. ——

——— Father David also being present desires we should all Kneel down and pray for the continuation of the blessing of God, and give thanks for the mercy and goodness that has been estended to us. ——— We now assembled in our places as usual, Sang an Anthem and the Service concluded.

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Church Meeting. ——— Sabbath ———
——— January 11th 1846. ——— Meeting opend as usual by singing an Anthem, and a few words of general counsel from Elder Brother Eli, very appropriate and adapted to the state of the body. ——— After exercising some a company of bright Angels came into the holy Sanctuary, and brought with them a gift of peace and reconciliation, which they ministerd liberally among the brethren and Sisters. ——— Immediately after this, another large band of holy Angels came in, having a gift of cheerful Love, which they ministerd to us with the requirement that we should divide with one another, they say they have brought much of it from their holy home on purpose for Mothers good Children at this place, and at this time. ——— Elder John and Eldress Sally, Naomi and Emily Patterson now gave us a bountiful Store of Love from the good brethren and Sisters at White Water. ———
——— We were now visited by the Angel of Mercy and forbearance, who kindly brot with them, much fruit from the tree of Mercy and forbearance, for the Elders and anointed of Mothers Children here. And they wish all may have a privelege to eat of the precious fruit, and liberty is given for all to gather a portion. There is also in a basket in the Alley a supply of a quickening power of which all may partake, which will stimulate, and give increasd life and animation to the faithfull Spirits, by which they will be enabled to move with energy in the blessed work of God, under its invigorating influence, they will pass each other as living Souls, Yea as the Angels of heaven.

The Angels now sound on their holy trumpets saying O. Elders beloved, and Ye holy Anointed, We have min-

istered much strength which must be treasur'd up by Gow & Your flock for the time of need, which is fast approaching. ——
—— Elder Isachar now arriv'd with an Ample supply of fire, to be used in burning up the flesh, that is lurking about spoiling and corrupting, wherever it can find any thing that will give it quarter. —— Father William asks who is not willing to give up their hard feelings, against their brethren and Sisters, who will indulge hardness in their Spirits, when they Know such a spirit is a tormenting Enemy. —— An instrument now declares, "the Holy Angel of Love and forbearance, has shown me a chosen spot, a holy Sacred place, Even a glorious fountain of Love, and flourishing in the midst of it, is the beautiful tree of Love, from which is pluck'd a leaf for every child of Mother, and a draught from the flowing fountain is prepar'd to bestow on each one, and from the holy fountain will every cup be fill'd. This holy fountain is guarded by thousands of holy Angels, who will protect it from all harm this time and in eternity. Drink O children and be refresh'd by this holy water, It has never been corrupted by any thing in fallen man. This holy Spot is shown this day to a poor frail unworthy mortal. ——
—— Toward the close of the meeting Mother Ann came in, and desir'd all to Kneel down, and pray for the solemn fear of God, and said if we would do as she desir'd us, she would also Kneel down with us, and pray for us. While in this Service the Angel of Love came in, and brought with him a large quantity of Love from the holy fountain, and promis'd to fill every cup, that was prepar'd to receive it. —— Elder John recommended, that as there would be probably some moving

thro' the coming week, he hop'd all would endeavor to gain so much of this Love, as would enable them to Keep in a good Spirit, thro' the Crosses, which might be felt, in the changes of position which it would unavoidably be necessary to make. And if any thing should occur which should bring Special and particularly bearings on the minds of any, be sure not to open the mind on the Subject in a disorderly manner, but come quietly into an orderly examination of the matter, and it should be reconsider'd and the best done, that existing circumstances would admit. _____ We now stood up in our places, Sung an Anthem, and meeting clos'd as usual.

Church Meeting _____ Sabbath _____

_____ Jan[y] 18th 1846. _____ Meeting commenc'd by an increase in order, in the positions of each individual, a place was appointed for each one, and Suitable instruction given how to fill vacancies &c &c All very comfortable and satisfactory. _____ Labor'd in the Step manner, and then march'd a few Songs. _____ In the progress of this Service a gift Sprang up in brother Stephen Spinning to bless and thank the beloved Ministry and Elders for the labor and attention which they had bestow'd on the Subject of arranging and establishing good order, in the new State, and alter'd conditions of persons and things since, and thro' the Course of the late move into the new house, including the changes very properly enter'd into in the present meeting. With this gift general Union was felt and express'd. While engag'd in pouring out our Love and blessing on the Ministry and

Elders. The holy Angel of Power came into meeting, and brought a golden chain to encircle all good believers, and bind them together in one band of Love and Union. After this general manifestation the burden bearers of temporal things were call'd forth & and bless'd and thank'd for their care and faithful attention to such duties as pertain'd to their peculiar Lot & calling. ——— Brother John Babbit being on a visit from Waterleit was also call'd forth to receive a share of the blessings, and Love was feelingly roll'd out, and sent by him to Mothers Children in that place. ——— Brethren sang for the Sisters to dance, Mothers Love flowing freely, testified by many in the after part of the meeting, a manifestation of uncommon power fill'd the meeting tho' the most part of the time it lasted, tho' operating quietly, without so much outward show as is sometimes exhibited. ——— Father William is here and his desire is to blow the fire that goes to consume the flesh with the affections and lusts. He says, there is an overbearing Spirit here, that wishes to run over the order of God and hold in contempt the precious counsel of the Agency which is set and appointed for the protection of the body. He desires us to renew our Zeal, and purge out those wicked Spirits. ——— The heavenly host are pouring down strength to assist the people to Keep the way of God, and Elder Isachar is also stimulating all to an increase of the good things of the gospel. ——— Meeting clos'd as usual.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath. ——— Jan'y 25th 1846. ——— This meeting commenc'd by placing each individual in proper place, in standing

to Labor in holy Order; which being accomplish'd to good satisfaction, meeting commenced by dancing in the Step manner, from that to the Step and Shuffle, and thence after Singing an Hymn, into the march and quick manner. ——— Thus continuing a variety of modes of exercise untill we were inform'd that there had come into the holy Sanctuary a bright band of holy Angels, having with them the whole armour of God to clothe every faithful Soul, who wishes it. Also another band of holy Angels headed by Elder Isachar and the Prophet Isaiah, who have Kindled a celestial fire in the Sanctuary, in every part of it the pervading influence of the burning fire may be seen and felt. It will cleanse and purify every one who will suffer its purifying influence to have its full effect on their Souls. It is intended for all, to burn up and purge out the Earl. Many testified to the truth of the fire, and what it was for. ——— Elder John exhorted to thankfulness for our privelege in this present day, when we could meet together to worship God unmolested, by those without. He call'd to mind what had to be borne, when this Gospel was first introduc'd on this earth, in Mother Anns day, and shew'd the contrast.

Then when they assembled to worship God, in the dances they often had nearly all their windows broken in. At one time while they were assembled, nearly a Cart load of stones were thrown into the house, and all the windows broken in, but notwithstanding all this, none inside were materially injur'd by the persecuting rabble. He said if we would consider these things, and draw in our minds a contrast between our circumstances and theirs of that day, it would surely fill our Souls with grattitude & thankfulness for the gracious privelege, we are in mercy bless'd with in this our day, when we are bless'd and protected in our rights, and

can worship God in peace and quietness, according to the dictates of our consciences. ——— The presence of the Holy Saviour was now announc'd, he presented each individual with a Yoke, and desir'd them to wear it, he said it was an easy Yoke to the soul that would cheerfully take it on them. He requested all to bow four times, and the last time hold themselves in a position to receive the Yoke on the neck, and it should be put on. The recording Angel being present, said that he had come to record the name of every one that would cheerfully and willingly take on this easy Yoke, and would from the heart say "Not my will, but thine be done O God". Such as could in truth say this should be bless'd with strength to do all that was needful for them to do, but let none say the word deceitfully, but all who speak let them feel devoted in their spirits to do the thing they say. The holy Saviour gave a word of counsel for all to come down into humility, and the fire of God would consume all that stood in opposition to his holy will. ———

——— By Elder Johns request, we all Kneel'd down and pray'd that God would protect his people, and the City he had chosen, that no weapon rais'd against them should prosper. The subject of Mothers sufferings was again mention'd. It was said by Elder Johns, that at one time, she was beaten over the face, untill a large stick was worn into splinters, but she was soon heal'd again. ———

——— At this time one cried out, "My eyes behold the power of my Mother, Yea she has come with various kinds of weapons to cut away all bondage and death, And says O my children I intreat You to put away all hardness towards each other; O put it away, and then You shall feel my Love and Blessing. O my children do not let Your minds be carried away with the things of time, for this is not Your abiding place; You are travelling to another Country; therefore Keep peace among Yourselves, and labor for the spirit of Kindness, and speak Kindly to each other.

and then You will feel Your Mothers Love, then You will be able to receive from Your beloved Elders whatever they may have for You, and now, even now says Mother I have sent my little Love to feed You with Love. ——— And now says one, "My standing is on the watch tower, to give You the watchword, and I now warn You to be prepaid to meet Your God. Bow Low, very low, and walk in true humiliation. — A large company of Angels now enter'd the Sanctuary thro' a golden door in the South, Known only to themselves, and they are loaded with rich blessings for the Young, who are willing to cultivate a Spirit of thankfulness, the Young were invited out into the middle of the house, and much good Counsel given them. ——— At the close of the meeting the holy Saviour desir'd to speak a word to the assembly if in union with the Lead. Union being express'd. He said that the Younger class and rising generation were very much lacking in the true Spirit of thankfulness for the many blessings by which they were surrounded. They could not conceive of the misery and wretchedness that the Children of this world, thousands and thousands of them Suffer'd daily, in privations of food and clothing and all manner of Comforts, which they enjoy'd all the time here in a luxury of abundance. Much less could they realise the infinite blessing of the Gospel of Mother with which they were surrounded, and made able by Obedience to Keep a Sound justification. I say says the holy Saviour, the Young and rising generation in the Zion of God in this place, cannot draw a just comparison between their situation and others in the world, and for this reason there is a great lack of the true Spirit of thankfulness, but it is desirable that on this subject there should be an increase

Moreover he said there was also a lamentable deficiency of an interested feeling among the people in general, and particularly among the rising generation and Younger part; insomuch that often they would pass by a fence down, or a gate open, and not put up the one, or shut the other, because it was not their parduty and especial duty, nor even would they take the trouble to inform a deacon, saying it was not their business &c &c. But this is not the way for believers to do; but true Children of their Mother consider'd they had an interest in every thing pertaining to the gospel, as well in temporals as in Spirituals, and in all cases would learn to act and do, as people would who had an interest, and he very much desir'd and hop'd that on this subject the body would labor for, and find an increase. —— A general union on this subject was felt & express'd by many, and in particular by the Ministry & Elders, who commented freely on the propriety of the gift minister'd by the holy Saviour, and recommended serious attention to it —— Meeting clos'd.

January 31st 1846. ——— Saturday Evening ———
——— Family Meeting. ——— In the commencement of meeting Elder Brother obser'd that he frequently felt a very weighty and solemn feeling when he came into meeting, since the families had come together to dwell in this new house. He said he hop'd all would consider the matter seriously and look well to their goings, and walk worthy of their great and blessed privelege. He desir'd the leads in the several rooms might feel an interest to assist in preserving the fear of God, and walking carefully in the beautiful order of God. He moreover obser'd that we were not call'd in relation to ourselves

alone, but the redemption of many depended on our faith-
-fulness and obedience. This family he said, at this time
has many Eyes on it, and is a Sign for the People to look to, and
likely many look with an Evil Eye, but he hop'd no just oc-
-casion would be given to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
—— After which Elder John express'd his feeling of need
of help from the good Angels, and Kind Spirits, and propos'd
to Kneel down and pray to God for help, to labor in truth and
sincerity for the givings of the Spirit, and a fitness in each in-
-dividual to receive and be profited by it. ——————
—————— A Strong band of holy Angels were now seen enga-
-ged in throwing up a breast work of Strength for the protection of
the Children in this place, and they say that every one has a work
to do for themselves, and each one must do their own work, or it
never can be done. —————— Father William now came into
meeting and open'd a Sack from which he took a roll of Mothers
Love, and gave out to the Brethren and Sisters enough for each
one a Robe. Mother Lucy says receive Ye this Robe of Mothers Love,
it will make You Love one another, and I was sent to tell You
that if You will carefully wear this robe, no adversary can hurt
You—— No Enemy can break in upon You, but You will be able
to stand all trials, and go thro' all tribulation which can ever
befall You. —————— At this time an instrument declar'd
that the whole assembly was overshadow'd by a band of holy
Angels who roll'd out their Love and blessing on the con-
-gregation. —————— Towards the close of the mee-
-ting Father William brought a basin of holy water from
the fountain and offer'd to each one that would hold out
their right hand a cup full to Comfort their Souls with. ——
—— And Eldress Betsy came in also about that time, and
brot a robe of thankfulness and protection for each one of the

Brethren and Sisters, which they receivd and put on.

We now stood up in our places, sang an Anthem, and meeting clos'd.

Feb. 1st 1846 ——— Sabbath ———
——— Church Meeting ——— After singing an Anthem, Elder Brother observ'd that he thought as he was coming along to meeting to day, "What more could we wish given and bestow'd upon us, to make us good Comfortable and happy than that which a Kind and mereiful God had given us, for his part he thought we were bountifully accomodated with every needful good thing, and he believ'd that many sens'd the obligation we were under for all these blessings besides himself. He counsell'd all to be thankful and faithfull, and to labor for an increase of the same, and it would be given. Elder John then said he desir'd to feel the givings of the holy Spirit, and he did not doubt, but fully believ'd, there was a blessing for us here for as many as were prepar'd to receive it, and desir'd to bow four times, and make welcome all or any of the good Spirits and Angels that might visit us thro' the meeting. ——— A band of holy Angels now attended and bestow'd the blessing of their Love on the assembly, and at the same time stated, they had also with their Love minister'd fire. ——— The holy Angel of Wisdom now enter'd and said, "remember, remember dear Children the words which I have to speak unto You, they are calculated to strengthen and encourage every honest Soul, and to help them to purge out all unbelief and Scepticism.

I have words of wisdom for every one, and I will lay before You the reason why, and how it is, You feel so differently at one time from what You do at another. Every Soul has

has a carnal nature, that has to be crucified, and whenever there is an increase requir'd, and the increase of light begins to expose another degree of the Carnal or wicked Sense, another step has to be taken, and that evil influence to be overcome, this causes a Conflict, untill the victory is obtain'd over it; and this causes tribulation and pain. This is the reason that Souls cannot always feel the pleasing stimulus of hope & comfort, for in all this kind of travel there is tribulation, and must and will be (longas) so clouds of darkness, and human depravity remains, and has to be contended with and overcome. And this conflicting between the two principles of good and Evil must continue untill it is brought into captivity to the will of Christ the Lord. It is necessary there should be this increase of light which the Gospel affords in order that the Evil may be discover'd, and the Power be us'd to purge it out, or it would remain, and we could not travel out of it. This I say is the reason, why you cannot feel the peace and Comfort at one time, that You do at another — But in proportion as evil is purg'd out, the good will come in, and this with an eternal increase to the honest and faithfull. Therefore be not backward in standing up to Your calling and lot, for fear of pain or trouble, for the unbounded blessing of God are bestow'd upon all sufficient to enable them to endure all that is requir'd of them, and to secure the profitable travel of the Soul. Remember discouragement is wholly out of place in this case, there is no just ground for it, in the understanding believer, for I know the goodness and Wisdom (of God) makes all this tribulation that his children has to feel entirely useful and requisite in order to the attaining of that State which is prepar'd for purified and tried Souls. I have at this time brought this

gift to You; to make You understand, therefor stand up to the fire and let the Evil be consum'd and burnt up. I have moreover at this time brought a gift of celestial fire, to burn up and cleanse the Soul, and if receivd and suffer'd to do its work, it will surely deliver the Soul.

And now let every one take hold and fear not, and each one shall receive just such a portion of this fire, and neither more or less than that which will be for their good, to some more and to some less according to their State and condition, no one shall have more than they can bear, and none less than is sufficient for them. And tho' for a little season it may bring tribulation, Yet be not east down, or discourag'd for it will enable the Soul to overcome and gain the victory over all that is Carnal, ——— And moreover on this sheet of fire is written full instruction to every one, both in relation to great matters and also to small matters, that all may know how to do even in the smallest matters, of which the order does not take particular Cognisance, but in regard to which it is well to have Wisdom to direct. By Sincere prayer and devoted Spirits this Knowledge can be obtain'd, by reading it on the golden sheet given to each one. It was recein'd by extending our right hands. ——— Elder John stated that he was fully satisfied that tribulation will work purification, and be a cause of thankfulness to all who par-take liberally of the fire. ——— The holy Angel then de-clar'd that in our simple obedience the Lord our God will pour his Strength and blessing upon all, Yea, the bright shi-ning Orb of his goodness will beam upon the Soul, and all shall find a day of consolation; and further says that it is in holy Love that my Wisdom is given unto You, the pure Wisdom which leadeth to repentance, and humbleness of Spirit for that gospel with which You have been bless'd. ——— Elder John recommended, at the

close of the meeting, that on the morrow, which is the 2nd of Feby. we should Keep the day in commemoration of the giving the Sacred Roll to the nations of the Earth; in which we should perform no Servile Labor, but spend the day in singing, and such other meetings as the Elders might think advisable. ——— This being understood, he further remark'd that he was thankful for the manifestations and kind notice of the good Angels, our heavenly Parents, and the Kind Spirits had extended to us, and recommended that we should bow four times in thankfulness for the same. After which we unitedly Kneel'd down and pray'd for a continuation of the gifts of heaven, and that we might find a spirit of repentance, and throw open the avenues of our Souls, to the free admission of the blessed ministration from the Angels, and good Spirits, who are so kind as to come here and assist us.

Meeting clos'd as usual.

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Feby 2nd 1846 ——— Monday Evening. 7. o. c. Pm ——— Family Meeting. ——— This day we Kept in commemoration of the day the mighty Angel commenced the revelation of the Sacred Roll. After singing two hymns Elder Brother express'd a desire for us to pray for the Rulers of the nations that their eyes might be open'd to sense their duty and learn the way of God, and obey his will &c. After prayer we labor'd in holy order ——— Soon we were visited by ten thousand holy Angels, who brot to us the Love of God our heavenly Father, and also his tender mercy for every soul that would receive it ——— Our Blessed Mother Ann also came to minister to us on this Occasion, She desir'd that every soul would stand up for the precious gifts of God, and

not be bound by pride or lust, and unto such she now desir'd to administer her Love, and the gifts and power of God; and now says Mother, will you refuse it, will You refuse it from the hands of Your blessed Mother? We knell to receive it, and before we rose. she said, She would that every Soul, that had come here with Clean hands, and a pure heart, should shine with the beautiful gifts of heaven, and She would that they would rejoice, for it was their privelege so to do. ——— Elder John said he felt union with the ministration and a Speciall gift in the same, and desir'd that all the Young and those who were able to exercise should unite in a song, which he nam'd, and labor to get hold of Mothers gift. And the aged and infirm, he desir'd to come into the alley and bless those who were laboring for the gift.

The Song was sung and a good gift gain'd. The power of God was manifest in an extraordinary manner, Many in-dividuals being under the wonderful operations of the power of God ——— One esclaim'd, I see coming from the holy City a stream of holy light far brighter than the Sun, and moreover I see says the instrument, the heralds of Eternal Light prepar'd to go forth with the light of God to the nations of the Earth, that they (the nations) may receive the quickening power of God &c. ——— Our blessed Mother seeming pleas'd with the gift we had gain'd, gives us a kiss containing her Love ——— Another testifies that the holy Angels present were now Sounding on their trum-pets, to awaken Souls to come into the increase, and they in-vite us to unite and Sound with them. They then bow'd and said, "Dear Children, bow Your souls low, very low; and they then desir'd that we might bend lowly to that Order which was plac'd for our protection. I see says the instrument, the holy Angels away down in the pretty valley, saying, "Who will

will walk in this pretty Valley; where You can gain that beau-
-tifull oneness of Spirit — Come, O Come a little lower, still
lower in this pretty valley —— O! for that oneness of Spirit
which will cause You to bow to Your leaders in all things ——
—— Our beloved Father William now addresses us, and
says, "Beloved Brethren and Sisters, Is there any here, who is
not willing to give up all, to the laying down of their lives, for
the blessed way of God, and the gospel You enjoy? They may
rejoice with their Mother, all who feel their Souls given up, and
devoted, I hold Such in union with me, and they shall shine
as bright Jewels in the Kingdoms of heaven forever, and to all
Such he now presents a gold Leaf, on which is contain'd
encouragement and Strength, which will endure forever —
—— Bro James Smith said "While on his Knees, he
saw the way open'd for Souls, for many Years to come, and he
felt the Same Love for our brethren and Sisters which were Yet
unborn, but Would Yet receive and obey this gospel, as he did
for those now here with him - He said he lov'd them as our
Mother one of Lov'd us. —— At this time many Young
Sisters were commissiond, (while we all Sat down, and was
bearing testimony to our faith, resolutions,) &c, to come out
in the middle of the floor, and gather up the crums, that no-
-thing of the many good things we had receiv'd might be lost or
wasted; Gather them up, that Sometime when we may not
have so precious an outpouring of the Spiritual gifts, they may
throw it over us and revive & refresh our Spirits. In the
progress of this work Some of them started an appropriate
little Song, very low; just hum'd it audibly, but as it grew
louder, more voices join'd in, and the music came off So
Smooth and good and Sweet, that altho' we were quite weary
with a long meeting, Yet one at a time as the spirits became

warm'd up began again to keep time in the dance, intill in a few minutes all were again on foot, going it in full tide. During this State of increas'd excitement Mother Ann brought a beautiful tree of Charity and plac'd it on Eldress Sally's shoulder, which she desires should be planted in the holy Sanctuary, that it may grow and become a fruit bearing tree, and she says it will flourish and grow if it is well wate'd by the holy Waters of true repentance. ——— And also now was there a pool of water plac'd in the Alley by a holy Angel for all who wish to wash and bathe in, he says this water is intended to heal all wounds, it is now troubled and prepar'd to give forth its healing Virtues, and all are at liberty to wash and bathe at this time in this beautiful healing Pool. All who wash in it, may be heal'd of their wounds so that they may make a new start, healthy and strong ——— Eldress Sally now plants the tree of Charity in the midst of the Sanctuary, And Mother said the leaves of the tree should heal the nations ——— My Eyes were open'd & saw the instrument to behold the tree of Charity, flourishing in the City of Peace, where it did grow, its leaves were each like unto a lighted lamps, and I saw the Seraphs going therefrom with their baskets fill'd with the Sacred fruit of Peace, which was plentifully ripening on its graceful and bending branches.

Meeting clos'd abruptly - because there seem'd no other way of breaking up - late at night

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Sabbath ——— Church Meeting ———
——— Feb'y 8 th 1846 ——— In the commencement of meeting, after laboring a few Songs, in the Step and Shuffle manner, We chang'd the mode of Labor, and march'd some, and an inspir'd one informed us that a large

Company of holy Angels, and our heavenly Parents, accompanied us infusing a pleasant sense of life and animation generally thro the meeting ——— Bro. Stephen Spinning queried whether we generally had a similar faith with him in regard to shaking. He said his Idea of Shaking was to shake Soul and body both, let both the heavens and the Earth be Shaken, and that which cannot be shaken may remain - We undertook to shake according to that rule, and some gain'd a comfortable gift. ——— One instrument said when he came into meeting he saw hanging over the people a dark cloud of discouragement, which was united to another dark cloud of unbelief. And there was a holy Angel appear'd having a mission to assist us in dispelling these clouds, and gaining an increasing gift, in the living power of God, by laboring in the true Spirit and gift of God. All united and labor'd briskly untill the cloud of discouragement and unbelief seem'd to scatter.

Many instruments express'd that they felt the cheering influence of Mothers Love ——— And Elder Isachar also came into meeting with a number of Mothers first born Children who had long since left the body, and they also pour'd on the assembly their blessing and Love, also gave us the Kind Love and blessing of our visible parents in the East. ———
——— A part of the latter part of this meeting was not remarkable for strong and forcible ministration, but there was infus'd into the assembly an uncommon degree of Life and freedom. ——— Aged Brethren came out and asked of their Juniors that they would impart of their Love and blessing which was freely and bountifully bestow'd upon them according to their request, and they in return Kindly minister'd of their confidence and strength to the Younger Classes. ———
——— ——— ——— About this time Mother Lucy came into

Meeting, and in Union offer'd a blessing to all, in the form of a rich treasure — A beautiful basket full of little books, of which each Brother and Sister is to have one, and She stated that they contain'd much usefull instruction. Amongst the rest is the holy Book of Mother, the good gifts of God, and many other good things, such as Simplicity, Obedience &c &c The Books were Kindly receiv'd, and many thanks offer'd to Mother for the pretty present. ——— The Young people of Father Josephs Class, now assembled in the midst of the Sanctuary and labor'd a few Songs, in the power and gift of God, whereupon Bro. Amos remark'd that the Young and rising generation, were, in their Obedience, a great blessing, and that in the holy Order of God, and in the blessed and precious gifts of God, they look'd very beautiful, and were a strength and Support to all. — After Some general counsel being given by the Elders, and a general manifestation of thanksgiving, we bow'd four times in token of a disposition to bow our bodies and Spirits in Obedience to the Sacred and holy Order of God, and meeting was dismiss'd —

February 15th 1846. ——— Church Meeting ———

— Sabbath — Owing to the inclemency of the weather we had our meeting at home — Elder Brother open'd the meeting by stating that we were indeed poor dependent mortals, were bless'd with another privilege to meet together, and a great privelege it was, to come together to labor to weaken and break the bands of the flesh, and labor to gain Love for each other; that there was blessed promises to the faithfull, that they should be led in a safe way, and their happiness should be increas'd to and thro' Eternity; But what he particularly desir'd at this time was for us to labor to weaken the bands of the flesh, and gain Love for one another. ———

——— We commenc'd marching, and one said, that while we were singing the Anthem, he had the privelege of seeing Eldress Betsy come into the meeting with a large company of the Soldiers of the Cross, who had come to help us cut loose from every thing that had a tendency to bind the Soul, and they would minister it to all. ———

——— Elder John then read some of the words of Father James, which he spake while on Earth, his ministration and gifts. That he felt the fear of God to such a degree, that he durst not step hand on the floor. And also what would be the reward of such souls, who had not been Seal'd, by receiving the name of God in the forehead, which was a Seal of repentance &c. their eyes would dry up in their holes, and their tongues would cleave to the roof of their mouths, while standing on their feet. ———

——— Mothers blessing was then spoken of as being present and the blessing of God for all who would devote themselves to the work of God, by shaking off a man fearing Spirit, and in this spirit they may gather of the blessing. ——— One said our beloved Mother is throwing her blessing over the Brethren and Sisters, her bright Love, I see the bright Angels bestowing the living power of God, I see Mothers Love, And now Mother has laid a large portion of simplicity in the Alley for all to partake; It is said we need more simplicity, all partook and after Saboring some time, Elder John propos'd for all to sit down, and see how much gift there might be felt in that. While sitting many express'd thankfulness, for the gospel and for the privelege they enjoy'd. ——— One said if all temporal things should fail, and we had to live in tents, that he would then prefer the people of God to the world, and stick with them. ——— Elder John stated, that Father James while at Waterblit found a brother, that was quite dry and hard to be reach'd, and he call'd him forward, and desir'd

him to say," O God is thy mercy clean gone from me, when he had said this, he burst into tears, and felt that his heart was soften'd. —— —— One said he was thankfull to do any thing to mortify him. —— Elder John pray'd for a spirit of repentance, a tender heart, and a quicken'd feeling, that no Evil could approach him without being detected; to which and with which many united. He then stated, that the Enemy took many ways to work in Evil, that many things could be done by believers that had a bad appearance and among the many he would speak of one, which caus'd him uncomfortable feelings; this was a soul in the worship of God without mortification, nothing felt worse to a living believer than to see a soul attempting to worship God, fill'd with a light vain spirit, without any fear of God, real or apparent. He said such were to be pitied, and must be pray'd for, and he hop'd it would be done by the faithfull, and no countenance given to that vain, light and trifling sense, at any time, by uniting with it. —— Elder Bro. Eli, said he felt thankfull for what he had receiv'd, and for what he had heard, and he felt to Kneel down and pray for a broken Spirit, that we might become one people and live in Love and union with one another; We then Kneel'd down and pray'd, and gave thanks to God for the many blessings enjoy'd.

Meeting clos'd.

—— In the Evening in singing meeting, some beg an to labor, and spirit and animation seem'd to take hold of the People. The Sisters broke forth in cries for help in such language as the following, "O Good Ministry, Elders, Brethren and Sisters will You pray for me, O! will You help me, O! I am a poor needy soul, O! my poor soul, I am a poor dependant creature, I am nothing, O! help me and such like expressions, these feelings came from

broken and contrite Spirits, and had the effect to soften the feelings all around; tears flowed bountifully, and here commenced an appearance of the true Spirit of true repentance, which had long been desired by the living members of the Church. The fire caught and spread among the people, many were melted down, and cried for help. Others testified their feelings, and determinations, to keep the way of God, that they would be more faithfull for time to come, and walk more circumspect, and keep the fear of God.

This manner of going continued thro the whole meeting, and also thro the meeting was many involuntary exercises.

Our heavenly Parents, and the holy Angels and good Spirits, were many of them present, and were busy pouring in strength and encouragement thro the medium of the inspired ones, while our beloved ministry were united in helping forward the blessed work. ——— We were exhorted by Mother to lay aside our old garments of Sorrow and mourning, and be clothed with a garment of Peace and Joy, and go forth and rejoice in the dance with thankfull hearts. Eldress Betsy being present gave us freely of the power of God; She was in Company with the Soldiers of the Cross, who invited us to come on, come on. ——— Father Wm and blessed Mother Ann, being present showered down upon us the blessed gift of Repentance which was not entirely lost. ——— One saw a vision of the straight and narrow path that leads to peace, and many of the faithfull were travelling in it, Some in the middle of the Road, and Some on the sides, at length they saw the road so narrow, that Some could not get thro by reason of Idols they wish'd to take with them, and if they wish to go further, they must give up these Idols, and have them burn'd. ——— Another said, the Angel of judgment was crying with a loud voice, to all, to take hold of the present gift, and repent, and become broken, for the judgments

of God were hanging over us &c He said this would be our last offer therefore he intreated us to come down and repent, upon which we all Kneel'd in prayer, and intreated the mercy and favor of God, and beg'g'd for that soul softning influence, that would melt our hearts and humble our Spirits. —— Our Mother desir'd we would watch with her thro the Evening, and she gave us each a Lamp to light our paths, that we might keep the fear of God, and a prayerful spirit. —— —— Many other ministrations were given from the heavenly spirits in attendance, and much feeling was manifested among the people, to gain the blessed gift of repentance, and last of all, our beloved Mother gave us each a band of Love, and we promis'd not to marr it. After receiving again Mothers particular blessing, we were releas'd and now retire to rest—

Monday Evening —— Family Meeting —— —— —— —— —— Feby 16th 1846. —— Meeting commenc'd as usual, after which Elder Bro. gave us a few words of encouragement, and we march'd a song or two back and forth. —— Elder John then observ'd that he believ'd there was some of the blessed Crums left of the good things which we partook of the Evening before, at this hint, we began to gather from the floor, whereupon, a little Song was started, and soon the dance became genral, lively, and Spirited, and terminated in a thorough and effectual Labor, by all engag'd for the gift of Repentance. —— —— Soon after this labor commenced Father Jesus and Mother Ann came into meeting, and carefully examin'd the interior states of every heart in the assembly. They came prepar'd with watering pots to pour out on the assembled multitude the holy waters of Repentance, on as many as were in a prepar'd condition to receive it. —— Another witness testified that he saw our heavenly Parents come also, and that in their hands they carried their Watering Pots for the purpose of uniting

with Father and Mother in pouring on the People the sacred waters of Repentance. ——— An instrument says "I see a rolling flame it is rolling thro' the house, and its end and object is to bring about a spirit of true Repentance, it is given in the name of Eldress Betsy, and to my mind says the instrument it is made to be understood, that all who abide in faithfull obedience to the holy order of heaven, shall find a fullness of the blessed spirit of Repentance to cleanse and purify them and make them Vessels in whom a holy Spirit may dwell. ——— Elder John and many more express their desire to repent, and put up their Prayers to our heavenly Parents, for the true and genuine gift of Repentance in the most simple and sincere Spirit of Supplication ——— Eldress Betsy says, let none be discouraged or cast down in their feelings because they do not immediately feel the Spirit of Repentance, Nay but let them labor and pray for the gift, in the day time, while at their hand labor, let them retire and pray in Secret to the holy Angels, and good attending Spirits, and according to their sincerity and devotedness to the subject they shall find help. ——— The gift of Repentance in all its holy and effective power now seems to pervade the house, and from many Souls the cry ascends to heaven. O! my Elders will You help me bow low; I do wish to bow low, very low, but I am too high, I feel I am far very far too high to receive the gift. O! help, O! do my Elders and my good Ministry help me to come down, where I can reach the gift. O! I will be faithfull, I will indeed if Mother will give me but one crum of the blessed gift of Repentance; O! if You will give me a little crum only I always will be faithfull to do my duty, and Keep every Order of God. This Kind of Language, and the very words here written were spoken by the Sobbing and crying Applycants for the blessed gift, thro' the house, and from many at a time. ——— Says an instrument, I see Mother have the Seal of true repentance, to put on the foreheads of her

Children, and Elder John and Eldress Sally has them given to them now to put the Seal on the forehead of her faithfull Children. One says I see the Seal and on the side of it is written humiliation. ——— ——— Bro. Stephen Spinning said he had been impress'd some time to speak a few words, but he did not wish to be in the way of more excellent gifts. He being solicited to speak by Ministry and Elders — said — We are truly laboring for the gift of all others most valuable, and it is right we should labor and pray for it. But brethren and Sisters, are we now willing to suffer tribulation, in Meeting and out of meeting. Are we willing to suffer mortification and pain and bear it patiently, and be reconcil'd to bear it. In our way day hand labor are we willing to cease from Vanity, and all Levity of Spirit, and instead of indulging ourselves, are we willing to Labor for the fear of God, and the true Spirit of Repentance, that we may feel our Souls quicken'd and made alive. I believe Brethren and Sisters Father & Mr and the rest of our heavenly Parents, require this at our hands at this time. It is a sacrafice we ought to make and be thankfull for a privelege to labor and pray for the gift of Repent - ance in that way out of meeting as well as in meeting. ——— ——— Many express'd union with this Counsel and promis'd to keep it. ——— From many voices at once, "I truly desire the gift of Repentance and humbly ask my good ministry elders and brethren and Sisters to help me to gain such a portion of it as will purge out of me, every thing that is contrary to the pure Spirit of Mother". "I am not willing to be left behind, says one. I am not willing say many at once. O! Says another "I am so thankfull for one drop of Mothers Love; O! my soul be thankfull for Mothers Love". "O my poor, poor, needy soul, good Elders do help me, help me down, any how, so my poor needy soul can only come in reach of the blessing". One cries out, "I see Eldress Betsy scattering crumbs of Repentance over us. Another cries

O! Father William do be so kind as to give me a Spirit of Repentance such as You had when You liv'd on the Earth, O! make me feel Godly Sorrow for Sin, as You did, O! be so Kind as to baptise my soul into the same Spirit. ——— One says I see Father William standing in the midst of the house, and he says dear Children, You cannot be truly blest, without You feel a thankfull Spirit for every blessing You enjoy, You must give thanks, and be really thankfull and in that thankfull Spirit there is a great blessing. ——— ——— Our blessed Mother says dear Children, be not discouraged I see the dawn of a heavenly day descending upon You, and the time is now come for my Children to be baptis'd with fire and the holy Ghost, and You not willing to sacrafise every thing Earthly to gain the blessed Spirit of Repentance. O, it is a dangerous thing to slight the gifts of a heavenly Mother. O, I do not feel a sufficiency of the blessed gift, Father William is indeed here, and has a tender feeling for us all, Yea, he feels for us as he did when he was on the Earth. ——— Bro. Amos said, in the close of the meeting, that he felt a sure promise extended to us, that if we would walk in the holy fear of God, and keep his holy Orders, this blessed gift of Repentance would be carried out, and all would gain a sufficient share to secure their inheritance. But none would gain the gift who indulg'd themselves in uncharitable feelings, or felt unthankful, or gave way to vanity and folly. But in supplication, and obedience, the blessing would assuredly be found. ——— Just before the close of meeting there were two bright Angels announc'd, who came clothed in garments of fine from the Garden of Eden. Their duty is to explore closely every heart. They are / the Recording Angels of heaven, that are passing to and fro thro' the Earth, exploring the states of all Souls.

After singing an anthem, meeting clos'd. 11. o. c. PM.

Family Meeting — — — Wednesday Evening — — — — —
— Feby. 18th 1846. — Meeting commenc'd as usual, and soon Mother Ann, Father William, and Father James came in seeming to be suffering great tribulation and Labor of Soul. They were seen bowing low, and praying to God our heavenly Father, that their Children might gain the blessed gift of Repentance, they also were seen ministering Peace and Love, among their Children, and directed us to bless and love one another. — — Elder John prays to be deliver'd from an indifferent inattentive Spirit and sense, in regard to laboring for the gifts of the Spirit. — He says he feels poor, dependent and needy, and begs of our heavenly parents the smallest Crum of their blessing. O, there is no safety in that indiferent state, but all should labor in good earnest for the quickening power of God, and the influence of his holy Spirit. — An instrument now declares, that our heavenly parents have brought a basin of the Sacred waters of Repentance, and set it in the Alley, for us to wash in, and they say, all that will wash and bathe in these holy waters, in faith and simplicity it will help them to gain the gift of repentance. — — — Eldress Betsy is also in company with our heavenly Parents, assisting to dispense the good things which they have brot' to bestow on their needy Children. — — Elder John recommends to all, to labor for a gift of Conviction, to pray for the Searching light of God, to enable us to feel how far we are seperated from God, how different we are from what we should be, how wanting we are in our feelings of thankfulness, and how altogether deficient we are in Zeal and interestedness in the great work of Redemption.

Much supplication and prayer was felt at this time and many cried out, in such Language as this, "Do be so Kind dear Mother, as to give me one drop," O! I do desire

and pray that I may feel more living power, more burning fire in my Carnal nature. O dear Mother give me more living fire. —— Mother says, "seek dear Children, seek aright and You shall receive. —— Cries all thro' the house from brethren and sisters. —— O dear Mother let the fire burn in my soul, untill all is burn'd that is not one with thay Spirit, let it consume all bondage, that my soul may not be fetter'd by the Carnal filthy Senses. O I want to be a living Soul, to be cleans'd and purified by the holy and pure waters of Repentance. —— An instrument now testifies, that in the beginning of the meeting he saw a holy Angel enter the meeting room, and his mission was to bind the Evil. He says there is a band of enemies have assembled in this place, who have come up to hinder and discourage the Souls of Mothers Children in this place, and to Keep them from gaining the gifts of the Spirit and from being Cloth'd with the graces of the Gospel. And this Angel was sent from the throne of God to assist us in driving away, and thwarting the intentions of that wicked band of Spirits. Mother Says by another instrument, never fear be not discourag'd dear Children, I will Yet bless the faithfull among You with the true Spirit of Repentance, but it is not the work of a day, or a week, but it requires time and perseverance to obtain it, and You must continue to pray for it, and to keep Your Spirits low, and in the fear of God, and suffer tribulation patiently, and it shall be given You, untill You can feel, that You have it to the acceptance of God. Again Mother Says faint not nor be discourag'd for I will Yet give unto You the comforter, the heavenly Comforter to bless my faithful Children, but You must suffer and bear Your portion of Sorrow and tribulation, but afterwards I will bless You, and You shall be amply rewarded for all Your Crossbearing, and every Sacrafice You willingly make. This whole meeting was a season of

hard labor and suffering, and there was not apparently so much power gain'd as has sometimes been, but suffering, bearing and tribulation of Spirit, was sensibly felt by the living part of the body, thro' the most of it, but near the close of it, there was a ministration of Simplicity, thro' a company of Mothers little babies, which infus'd a spirit of Cheerful comfort thro' the assembly, and meeting was clos'd in full and lively hope of an increase of the blessed gift of Repentance, in proportion as we can avoid all vanity, and devote our souls more entirely to the work of God from day to day, and give our souls to prayer daily in our different avocations that the gift of Repentance may increase as we may be able to increase in Simplicity and Obedience. And under the Solemn feeling of the fear of God, the meeting clos'd about 11. o. clock P.M.

Family Meeting —— Friday Morning — Febry. 20th. 46. —— 3. O. clock A. M. —— This meeting was appointed last night in evening meeting. On our assembling together and singing an Anthem Elder Bro. Eli obser'd that he felt a spirit of thankfulness for the privelege of assembling together again unmolested; And express'd a sincere desire to be deeply bapti's'd into the fountain of Repentance. He said by Prayers for that blessing thro' the Anointed head; and thankfulness for the good way of God, which brot' our protection, so near that we could ask for help, we would receive it, by only being honest open and free, simple and sincere. —— We labor'd a song or two as we stood, and soon our heavenly Parents came into meeting, and Mother Ann said she had brot' a renew'd gift of Repentance for her needy children in this place. She also plac'd in the Alley, the softening influence from the heavens, which would soften our hearts, and make us susceptible of the slightest impression of good from those who were a ministering to us. Elder John said

he once had a view in his sleep of a redeemid state, he then saw and felt that true humility and a spirit of Repentance was a main thing to gain in making progress in the work of Salvation. He said, while he was in that state he felt no power of his own, nothing but what was ministerd to him by those under whose protection he was plaed. He felt no Enmity, no Envy, no jealousy, nor anything against any one at all, but he felt compleate and entire Confidence on God in the order of his appointment. All in him felt calm, pure and reconcil'd to the gift of God. He said he could never forget it, but it still inspires him with hope, and confidence to implore help and strength from the heavenly Parents, and good Spirits who attend to bless and assist in protecting us. In that state all self sufficiency and pride, and every other Evil seemd to be gone, and from that time he has desird to sense and feel in his waking moments, the sensations and quickening power which he was permitted to experience in his sleep. ——— Many now cry out with strong desires for the gift of Repentance, and Mother Ann is seen dispensing it, to as many as are preparid to receive it. ——— An instrument says, "Mother Ann has brot the searching light of God, to give to the brethren and Sisters. She says it is pure light from heaven, and will show all the hidden iniquity of the heart; Yea all that is conceal'd in the most inmost Recesses of the heart will be discoverid by a right application of this searching light. It will discover every wrong action, and every wrong motive to action, and fully expose the soul so that all who choose too, may bring all wrongs into the light by confessing them in the true order of God, and by that means may get low enough to reach the Spirit of true repentance, Yea, all that stands in the way of this holy Spirit will be seen by this searching light. ——— I see, says one small particles of Dove falling on the people, from the holy Angels, and mother says we must be thankfull for the least drop of good, and then we will be preparid to receive greater supplies. ——— Another testifies, that she

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seen the fountain in the Alley, and Mother was standing by it, and drinking, and she says, Come, Come, O Come my Children, drink freely of this sweet fountain. ——— I see Father William in the room, he is walking back and forth in the Alley between the brethren and Sisters and he is not walking on the floor, but is walking on that which looks like the thinnest of glass, and his manner of walking is extremely softly and carefull; And he says dear Children, So You must learn to walk softly and carefully for he says, I have walk'd so many days and nights, when I was living on the Earth, and so must You all learn to walk softly and carefully if You gain the full blessing of a broken Spirit, and a Contrite heart, and the holy and blessed gift of Repentance and Godly Sorrow for Sin. ——— One instrument said that last night on retiring from meeting he saw in mental Vision, an exceeding bright Star, brighter far than ever a natural Star shone, and he was told that it was a star of hope, to encourage him to persevere, and that all the truly faithful should yet gain what they so much desir'd, if they would continue to pray in faith nothing doubting. In order tho' to gain the full blessing it is necessary to avoid all appearances of Vanity, or the follies of a vain and trifling Spirit, walking circumspectly in the daily fear of God; Keeping a prayerful spirit, and a mind concern'd to be in obedience to the visible order of God. ——— Father William at this time appears to be Cloth'd with Sorrow and sufferings, and wishes to minister the blessed gift to as many as are prepar'd to receive it. He says he will stay with us for a season, and give to each one that which they need if they will continue faithfull. ——— Near the close of the meeting, Mother Ann brot a basket of the bread of life and plac'd it in the Alley; and invited all to eat and be strengthen'd, refresh'd and comforted. ——— Bro' Stephen Spinning said he believ'd in the immediate presence of Father William, and that he was Cloth'd in suffering, and tribulation, and that he Stephen

believ'd that what we now needed was mortification and tribulation, and that was best for us, and that when anything else was needed, Father would give it to us, precisely in the right time and manner, according as each one might need it. ——— Many express'd their thanks to the ministry for their appointment of this meeting. The Meeting was solemn and impressive, almost every one seem'd cloth'd in sincerity and a determin'd feeling to labor without ceasing untill they gain'd a true Spirit of humiliation and were baptis'd in the pure waters of Repentance.

Meeting dismiss'd half after 5. A M.

Saturday Evening ——— Family Meeting ———
——— Feby 21st 1846. ——— Meeting commenced by singing an Anthem, after which Elder Bro. Eli felt a gift to shake off all that stood in the way of receiving the gifts of the holy Spirit. ——— Amos also spake some, and desir'd an increase of the gift of God. He said he had full Confidence in the gift of the day, that all would gain what they needed in proportion as they continued faithfull to the end, and were sincere in their obedience to the gospel. ——— We then labor'd a few songs, quite lively, and an instrument announc'd the presence of a band of holy Angels, who were seen showering down the blessed gifts of God over the people. ——— At this time another instrument declar'd, he saw a message bearing Angel, come into meeting, and asked who was willing to sacrafice all their Idols, and every evil in their Knowledge to gain the blessed gifts of God, and the Spirit of Repentance. And as witness for the holy Angel there also came 3000 Angels to establish the truth of his mission. They say we are to come to unite with You, in blowing our trumpets of hope,

(just before which Elder Brother had felt a gift for us all to blow our trumpets) and the Angel continued to say, "We now blow our trumpets of hope, but soon we will come and blow our trumpets of Victory and then will be able to unite with us, sounding Victory.

At the same time they also gave each one of us a cup of the sweet spirit of Repentance, and it was well mixed with the water of consolation. ~~~~~ One said he saw an Angel placing a seal on each forehead. ~~~~ At this time there was present a holy recording Angel, who said he was ready to enter on the duties of his mission, which was to enroll the names of the brethren and Sisters, all who would stand forth as Volunteers, and ask for it, by Speaking their names distinctly so they could be plainly heard. He would then record the names, and they should stand as their Signature, Volunteers thro' time and Eternity. The Children also came forward and had their names enroll'd with the rest. ~~~~ ~~~~ The Message bearing Angel now at the close of the meeting came forward with a company of the heavenly host, and his message to the Zion of God in this place, is for them to Keep the Solemn fear of God in a particular manner, and especially on the morrow, and moreover he desires if in union with the lead, that on the morrow, when a Brother or a Sister met a Sister that they should ask one another to be so Kind as to help them to gain the gift of Repentance. And thro' the whole of the coming day in a particular manner to Keep a constant watch over words and actions, and not by any means give way to a spirit of vanity, or of a light and trifling spirit. And if all will abide under the influence of this spirit they shall surely find a portion of the gift of God sufficient for them, and that would be wholly satisfactory.

Another instrument declar'd that there was more for us than against us, for she saw a hundred thousand Chariots surrounding Zion in this place, and their business is to assist the faithfull to gain all that is necessary for them to have. And they

would protect us from Evil, if we would be sincere and honest in our labors to gain the blessed gifts that are for us. ~~ ~~

~~ We sung an hymn and meeting clos'd.

Church Meeting ~~ ~~ ~~ Sabbath. ~~

~~ ~~ Feby. 22nd 1846. ~~ After singing an Anthem Elder Bro. observ'd that we had another privelege of coming together; poor needy Creatures; to labor for the blessing of God. Needy and poor indeed we are, wholly dependent on the mercy and goodness of God for every thing we enjoy. And if we do not gain the blessing we have no body to blame but ourselves, for the sacred promise has been extended to us "Come for all things are now ready". And now if we only be simple as a little Child and ask our spiritual Parents for the blessing we are sure to receive, if we have come up to the Sanctuary with pure hearts. As a little Child in the natural world would run and ask its Mother for bread, when it was hungry for natural food, and would surely get it; So if we could be simple enough to ask in sincere simplicity our heavenly Mother for the Spiritual food we need, we should as certainly obtain it.

And for our encouragement" the holy Saviour has said. "Suffer little Children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of heaven." ~~ We labor'd some without music, and shook soundly - It was then stated that Father David had come in to help us, and had brought much good, and would assist us to break our bands. He said that it was Pride and lust that bound souls, and that which was binding now was these unconquer'd Evils. ~~

~~ Mother also came in, and said O my Children, I have come with my blessing and Love, You shall not labor in

vain; for I will bestow upon You my Love, and if You are as thankfull for it, as I was for my Mothers Love, You will let it grow and increase.

She desires to Know if we wish the gift of Repentance above all things, for she is griev'd with some who are not willing to give up their idols. At this time some expres'd their need of help, some complain'd of feeling stupid, Some beg'd for mortifying gifts, Some confess'd lacks & shortcomings, and ask forgiveness for running over orders &c &c. Mother says whoever is asham'd of me and of my Gospel, cannot be blessed, but whos desires a gift of God, let him not fear, but be free, and be not bound by the fear of man, You should not be bound by one another. Every gift of God cometh from above, and is gain'd by tribulation, but when gain'd it is a treasure worth more than any earthly treasure.

If any desire a gift, and dare not ask for it, remember the fault was in themselves, the gift was free, but they were bound.

Elder John now call'd on all under 50 to come into the centre and labor in the gift and fear of God, to pray for an increase; as for the aged, he said, their names were recorded in the Eternal records for their Zeal and faithfulness, and he desir'd their blessing, Love and help. ——— The Young Kneel'd in prayer, and one pray'd for a tender heart, that Godly Sorrow might be his meat and drink. —— Mother said. If it was the desire of the good brethren and Sisters, she would place on them the solemn fear of God, without any of their own exertions, and every faithful soul who wish'd to increase in the gift of re-pentance, may turn round and hold out their hands, and ask for what they need and they shall have it. This was done and many called out for more tribulation, to fell more need of Salvation, and more repentance. One broke forth into cries and supplication for help, he fell on his Knees and beg'd of the Ministry, Elders brethren and Sisters to help him. He roll'd

on the floor, and cried to God to help his poor soul, and beg'd for strength to keep the Gospel of his brethren and sisters. At this time the house was fill'd with cries from many quarters, and tears flow'd abundantly. ——— Mother now spake and said," Omy Children, Your cries and tears labor and prayers shall not be neglected, as the showers of rain that fall on the dry and thirsty land, doth not fall over all at the same time, Yet in the season all are refresh'd, so every exertion, every prayer and tear shall be remember'd and set down to Your account, and in its proper time You shall receive a fullness, like a river overflowing its banks, it shall come, and shall go thro' to water all with the blessing of Repentance; and seeing this is so, how carefull ought You to be, to keep the fear of God, in all You do and say, not to wound the feelings of a Brother or Sister, for who would not be anxious when those heavenly gifts are administer'd, to have all those things out of the way. ——— One instrument now says I am permitted to view a beautiful company of bright Angels, on their march to the low valley, and I heard the Saviour cry with a loud voice, to them, saying, "Hurt not the oil and the wine, And go forth and lead them down to the low valley; there is peace. O! I see the beautifull stream of Repentance, and an Angel stands by it inviting us to come and bathe in it; Others saw, they testified the Pool He also, and heard the invitation., But finally the Angel said, if we would Kneel down, we should be spinkled with its waters. ——— The holy Saviour stated that this was a great day, that the holy Spirit had descended like a dove, and had settled on us, and we must be faithful to improve our day, and the promise of blessed Mother follow'd, that she

would clothe us with the fear of God, that we could love and bless each other the coming week. ——— O says one, I see the heavens opening, and many Angels descending with the richest of heavens blessings, The holy Saviour and Mother Ann, and all our heavenly Parents, are commissioned to come to the Earth, to help and bless all who are strugling for redemption; Yea, and this place shall Get be filled with joy and consolation, and altho' we should pass thro' much tribulation, Yet we should feel great consolation in it. ——— Near the close of the meeting a golden bow fill'd with the bread of Life was brot by an Angel, for us to Eat and be refresh'd. ——— Many testimonies of thankfulness follow'd, for we had receiv'd and felt much good this day. ——— We bow'd four times; and meeting clos'd, with a sense that the meeting had been solemn, and powerful in stirring up, and Keeping alive a true Gospel Spirit.

March 1st 1846. ——— Sabbath ——— Church Meeting ——— This day we were inform'd that a Holy Angel of God was in meeting having with him a gift of compassion for the Children of this lost world. He wishes to minister his gift, and for all to receive it, that they might extend the hand of mercy, to the benighted Sons and Daughters of Adam, as fast as they might be wak'd up to ask for, and need our help. He says there are many who desire to know the will of God, and to do it; and are now praying for the time to come, that they may be made acquainted with the holy way of God. The Angel says, that in order to be usefull to our fellow Creatures who need Salvation, it is needfull that we bow down very low, and gain a Spirit of true repentance. We must be willing to feel our dependence on the

Order of God; and rely on the gifts of God, for strength and Wisdom to do our duty, both as regards ourselves, and the whole family of mankind, to whom we stand intimately connected. ——— Thro' the course of the meeting there were strong signs of sincere desires on the part of many that they might gain an increase of the living power of God, and that it might abide with them, not only in meeting but, thro' all time. And beg'd for a drop of Mothers Love, to soften their hearts, and make it so an impression of good might be lastingly made on it. Many complaind of feeling stiff and unyielding in spirit, and not low enough. Another strove to shake off a sleepy stupid spirit, and try to feel more alive in the true spirit and work of God. Another praying for help; And generally all appeard to strive to be liberated from bondage and death. ——— Mother thro' the inspird instruments exhorted to labor for and gain a spirit of vengeance against a stupid lifeless sense and spirit. She said that spirit was a spirit of darkness, and it had a direct tendency to shut out a spirit of Repentance, and cheat the unwary soul out of the blessing, which the faithfull Child has a just right to expect. ——— Elder Brother Eli, in a short but feeling address, expressd thankfulness for our blessed privelege unmolested by the persecuting spirit of the world, and added that it was very essential for us to improve the time, mercifully allotted to us, to the very best advantage, for the time would come, when all of us would find that our privelege here in the body was an unspeakable blessing, and the gifts of God which have been so liberally bestowed upon us, are solemn realities for which we shall be individually accountable for the use made of them. ——— We now gathe'd to our places — Sung an Anthem, and

Meeting closed.

March 8th 1846. ——— Church meeting. ———
——— Sabbath ——— After singing an Anthem, as usual, in the commencement of meeting, Elder Brother Eli observ'd, "that we had again another privilege of assembling ourselves to worship God peaceably and unmolested, for which we ought indeed to be very thankfull. He said there was a great responsibility rested on us, and he most solemnly desir'd that we all might properly sens it. We are call'd into the Gospel of Christs second ap-pearing in the beginning of the dispensation, and many that are Yet to come are interested in the use we make of the priv-elege we enjoy. We are call'd, not in relation to ourselves alone, but also in relation to those who are coming after us; Yea, the redemption of many depend on us, and he hop'd all would wisely consider their calling, and make their Election sure. If we were faithful and Zealous, those who came after us would look back to this our day, and be thankfull to us that we stood our ground against the Evils which surrounded us in the beginning, and was by that means able to transmit the gospel unmarr'd to those who came after us, and they would bless us for standing our ground, and Keeping the gospel pure, and handing on to them, with our testimony of its being a Gospel of full and final Salvation. But in order for this, he said it stood us in hand to be awake and alive in our Spirits, and Keep up with our day and time, by each one doing his own work. ——— While we were marching, a large company of Angels came into meeting to assist us.

As they came they blew on their trumpets of peace, and they also Sounded an Alarm to wake up the Sleeping in Zion, and to arouse the nations of the Earth; And as they Sounded on their trumpets they declar'd the blessing of freedom

for Zions children here to day. They said they would break the bands of death, and unchain the spirits that they might in freedom do the work of Mother. ——— There came also a band of Soldiers, they also came to help us shake off, and divest ourselves of every thing that would be in the way of our receiving the holy gifts and blessings of God. ——— ——— Many witness'd at this time the presence of our bles-sed Mother Ann, and a large company of Angels who dwell with her near the throne of God, and their mission to day is to minister the gifts of Repentance. ——— And now ap-pears seven bright Arch Angels, sounding their trumpets to the nations of the earth, that they may awake also, and gain the gifts and blessings of God; the inspir'd ones were call'd upon to release their souls from all wrongs, that they may be in read-iness to receive impressions and make known Gods will in Order. ——— At this time Elder John call'd all the Younger class into the midst of the Sanctuary, and told them he wish'd them to gain a living sense of the work of God, and the importance of the day they liv'd in; to feel and sense the good that surrounded them, and have a part in it. ——— While they were laboring, Mother and those with her were seen pouring from their watering pots, the waters of repent-ance on the Young plants, which they said they receiv'd thank-fully. ——— The heavenly messengers then bless'd the Aged, and desir'd them to bless the Young, and encourage them to persevere in the work of God, with Zeal and faithfulness. ——— One of the Youth testified that he felt the Spirit of inspiration, and a scene open'd to the view of his mind as follows. "I see," said he "the whole Earth cover'd with total darkness, and now I see a small light break out in four places, and all else dark and as a black curtain let down. I hear the sound of mighty

trumpeters, sounding long and loud. I see the situation of Souls who have never heard the gospel; And this darkness will not continue very long, but in a short time will be remov'd. Behold I see a little Child, apparently too small to speak plainly, and this Child is commission'd to open the everlasting Gospel to the world; And I saw and the Child spake, and drew the attention of much people, for he spake marvellously, as with the voice of a very strong man, And I am surpris'd at his force and the majesty of his communication, The gospel is open'd with great power, and perfectly clear, and Souls are waking up to see their State, and sense their condition, and they are flocking to Zion, to the people of God for help. But the day is not Yet, but it will come in Gods own time, and the gospel will be minister'd to souls, and they will understand it, and will obey it. The same instrument then addressing himself to his Young companions exhorted them to improve their time industriously and wisely; that they should be thankfull for the privelege of being of being call'd into the gospel while they were Young, and surrounded by so much good, and now when the floodgates of heaven were open'd, and the gifts of God were flowing to them thro Mother Ann, they should all labor to gain the gift of Repentance, and Godly Sorrow for Sin; that they should give their strength on the right side, to the true Gospel, as in comparison with this, all other Considerations were less than the dust in the balance. ——— Many express'd their wish to be made partakers of the good spirit of Repentance, and all seem'd to sense a strong influse of good from the heavens. ——— Elder John then counsell'd all to Keep the way of God, and improve their time in it, as they all had faculties if well improv'd, to be usefull members, and honorable subjects of the Kingdom of heaven.

We bow'd in thankfulness, and meeting clos'd.

March 14th 1846. Evening Meeting — After meeting had begun, and we were singing and dancing each on our own side of the house, An inspir'd one cried out, "I feel the spirit of inspiration and the spirit of vission. I hear the sound of mighty trumpeters, sounding with their trumpets, and I hear the sound of Horseman like mighty waters rushing, and like the roaring of the mighty Ocean; And I hear the word of God, saying with a loud voice, like the sound of thunder. "It is the beginning of the great battle of Shaking, Yea, of Shaking. Shake O Zion! Shake O Zion, for the battle has begun, in Zion and out, and this war shall not cease, untill all that is unsound, and all that is not strong Enough and pure enough to stand the fire and shaking of this great battle will be cast out into utter darkness.

At the close of the meeting, a company of Angels brought Seven baskets fill'd with heavenly fruit. Two of the basketts were given to the Ministry for the Children in this place, and five were taken by the Angels to bless the Children of this world, to whom they are now sent as missionaries to wake them up and give them the true gospel of Salvation. We receiv'd the gift on our knees, and bow'd in token of submission

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Sabbath — — — March 15th 1846 — — — — — — — Church Meeting. — — — — After the customary order of opening meeting by singing an Anthem; Elder Brother Eli observ'd, that there was a loud and solemn call for the first Chh in the West to move on in the increasing work of God: All are call'd to be alive and awake, and travel swiftly on in the true and living way; As many souls are Yet to be benefitted by the Gospel, and we must not be in the way, but move forward. We are call'd Early in the morning of the ressurrection, and generations

Yet to come would be thankfull Yet for all who are now call'd, who will stand firm and unshaken in the day and time when they have a privelege. It will be a great blessing to all in time to come, to look back and reflect that they made a good use of their time and wisely improv'd it. Therefore it stands all in hand, who wish a part with Mothers little Ones, to be diligent and faithfull to be wide awake and Keep the ground by Keping up with their day and time; but if there are any who do not wish to have a part with Mothers Children they had better go, for the call of God is to move on into an increase, and be awake in the Spirit. ——— The Angels of Love and union attended this meeting, and desir'd to give their Love and union to each and every one who would say they wish'd it, they united with us in meeting and roll'd it out to us with a liberal hand. They told us none should be discourag'd, but all should be cheerful and lively in the work of God, and all would ultimately go well with them. They desired to see all moving on in the increase of the work of God, and leave all things old and belonging to by gone days behind, and press on in the forward work, and moreover they Say that now the blessings of God are scatter'd all over the floor, and if we do not gather them up it is our own fault. ——— A great company of holy Angels are here blowing on their trumpets, and they appear troubled. They Say the God of heaven has sent them here this day to awaken the dead and Sleeping Soul in Zion, who is lifeless and asleep and indifferent and does not know it. They Say that all who are determin'd to go on, and go thro' at all events, they need not fear or be discouraged, but rejoice and be joyfull: All who are prepar'd to bear all Crosses, and obey the gospel in truth, may feel strong and Confidently hope to the end, for they shall never be left, but shall be supported and protected thro' all that can ever overtake them in their passing thro' time. ———

——— Mother Ann has brot with her a cup of Self denial, and any one that will receive from this cup of Self denial, in faith that she gives it to them, it shall be for them a strength and a support, and they shall find themselves ably protected from Evil, and made fully able to discharge every duty, and Keep their ground firm and unwavering ——— Elder John observ'd, that he had no doubt but that the floodgates of life were open-ed upon the people, and the Angels are pouring good among them; and he fervently desires the Young people may feel and sense the im-portance of their day and privelege in Mothers Church on Earth.

They have but a small idea of the great good that is now in their reach. Mother wishes the aged to labor to make them sensible of the blessed privelege they now have among the people of God ———

——— Many espress'd full faith and belief that all those things which had been promis'd the Church, respecting the nations of the Earth would be fulfill'd, and come to pass, according to the predictions, and all would be made to Know and feel the truth of that which had been so often told us ——— Many say they feel as tho there was a special and particular outpour-ing of the Spirit here at this time, and they wish to be found gaining the good so bountifully bestow'd. ——— The Aged bless the Youth and Children, and wish them all to be able war-riors in Mothers blessed work, tell them they must fear God, and pray for a contrite Spirit, and for a right sense of their true state, and if they gain a correct understanding on this point, they will know that without the help of God, they could neither be comfortable in this world, or happy in the next. ———

——— James Smith said to the Children, first to the little boys "Jesus was once a little boy, and a good little boy, and call'd on them to follow him, now said James "Will You do it? "they said they would". Then turning to the little girls, he

said "Mother Ann was once a little girl, and a good little girl. And then asked them if they would be good little girls and follow her" they answer'd "Yea". ——— He said we had all been taught from the beginning to follow Jesus Christ and Mother, but he felt it a binding duty to day to present it before the people as he had. ———

Meeting dismiss'd as usual.

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March 22nd 1846. Sabbath day ——— ——— —
——— This day is appointed in the Church as a day of fasting prayer and humiliation, wherein Zions children may have a privelege to open the state of their minds, and labor to be prepar'd to go forward with Life and Energy in the increasing work of God. It is requir'd that all hardness be put away out of the mind, in the true order of God; all hard speeches or unchristian thoughts, which any may have said or thought in regard to Ministry, Elders, or Deacons, or any one else, may this day be brought into remembrance, by honest confession, and a just relation, and a true joining, found to the living head by forsaking; and acknowledging, a dependance on and Obedience to the visible head in the Order of God, as the only safe and Sure way for any soul ever to find a fruitfull travel in the Gospel ——— The day calls for an increase of purity in Mothers house, by a more holy and exemplary walk, day by day of all her children, as the work of God in the world is fast preparing true Subjects for the fire, and who must as they come to be wak'd up, in earnest, all find their way and home among believers, or sink into a far worse State than they were in their unenlighten'd condition ——— Many of the followers of Wm Miller are now visiting at White Water, and there seems a reasonable hope that more or less of them may be gather'd

into the gospel. Our beloved Ministry have labor'd to strengthen the gift there, and open'd wide the door, for honest Souls to find the mercy of God, by coming into the Gospel. Much has been said from time to time concerning the gathering of Souls, and now the promise seems to be fulfilling in this our day, and we pray that God may bring about his work, in his own time, by his own choice of means, and to any extent which may be consistent with his divine Wisdom and goodness, and our Labor shall be to aid and assist in the work, by becoming suitable examples for the lost Children of this world to follow, and this we consider only as our reasonable duty, as having been mercifully call'd into the Gospel first in the Order of time.

Church Meeting ——— April 12th 1846 ———
——— Sabbath ——— ———
——— Meeting Open'd as usual, and after Laboring a little, and gaining some quickening power; it was announced by an instrument that there had assembled with us a large company of holy Angels, who were sent by the God of heaven to unite with us. They were reapers, whose mission was to reap the harvest of the world, as it was now ripe for the Sickle——— The holy Saviour was present and warn'd us that there was a time of trial awaited us, and that trials and anguish of Spirit was intended to prove us, and that when darkness overshadow'd us we have to pass thro it or fall back. He said that we must be prepar'd to meet the increase of God, that we must be living stones in the building of God, and stand as lights in a dark world, and live so that others seeing our good works should glorify our heavenly Parents——— The Ministry recommended to us to Labor for the Spirit of freedom, and to go forth in the worship of God in faith and simplicity as little

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Children, for all that was in a state of justification could indeed worship God to his acceptance. Our day and privelege was great and we ought to have a living sense of its importance ——— The holy Saviour said the time call'd loudly on us to move forward out of the way of others, for if we did not we should only be stumbling blocks in their way; and that we ought to gain that gift and power of God, by which mankind would see and know that we were the people of God. He caution'd the unfaithfull, and told them, that if any lost their present opportunity, it would be to them an eternal loss. He said the Ministry and Elders were im-press'd from a divine source, and thus enabled to give unto us such advice as our several conditions demanded, that it originated from a spirit of Love and tenderness, and would do us good ——— The Brethren and Sisters who had been gather'd from other Societies, were now call'd forward by Elder Brother, and bless'd by the whole assembly, and made heartily welcome to all the good that Mothers house afforded; and they in return manifested their thankfullness for their home, and be-stow'd their thanks and Love on the body. ——— In the progress of the Meeting there was a liberal supply of Love from White Water, and also from the Young Order deliver'd by those who attended morning meeting. Enoch Jacobs and C. Hanselman attended both meetings, being rep-resentatives of the Second advent company which originated with William Miller, and known in this country as Miller-ites, and who are now many of them gathering at White Water ——— Many express'd their thankfulness that they had a privelege to unite with the Saints of the latter day, in the worship of God, and unite in the Labor to gain that blessed Love which makes the heart pure and holy. ——— An instrument under the influence of inspiration

"I see a great multitude of all nations, Kindreds and people, laying with their faces on the ground, and supplicating, and imploring, the God of heaven to show them the way of Salvation". ——— Again another inspir'd one cried out " A band of holy Angels have just come in & are bestowing Love and blessing on the brethren and Sisters; O Dear Brethren and Sisters I see it flowing all over us; O do gather it is Love and blessing pure and sweet from the holy Spirits and Angels in heaven ——— Many of all ages testified to their Love of the Gospel freedom which is here and flowing in streams of beauty and delight which they have not Language to express. ——— There is now in the holy Sanctuary a Company of little children sent here by Mother, She sent them here for examples to us of innocense and simplicity, O how pretty they look, they always do as Mother wishes them to do. ——— Father William has brought beautiful trumpets and is now presenting them to us, and he wishes us to sound on them turning our faces towards the North South East and West, three times and by so doing we will wake up many souls who are as worthy as we are, who are willing to do the will of God, and it is the will of God, that they should come and be partakers with us in the blessings of the Gospel. ——— An inspir'd witness says," An Angel of God bids me say," The time has come when Zion must press forward into the increase. And now at this time gather up the fragments, that all good may be treasur'd up and nothing lost; for the time draweth nigh, when tribulations sorrow and grief will come upon You, and then will You need all the treasure of good that You can secure; not that this tribulation shall

be for Your hurt; but ultimately shall it work out for You a great blessing. ——— I see the Angels of heaven are now showering down the good of heaven upon the brethren and Sisters. I saw Mothers pure Love descend upon the brethren and Sisters in a perfect cloud; they are now all cover'd with it; but it is only the patient and faithful, that can enter into the Kingdom of heaven at last; And much tribulation and anguish of Spirit must Yet fall to the Lot of the Children of Zion in this place, and therefore she wishes them to recieve her Love now, to enable them to stand, thro' persecution, and all trials which must and will overtake them. ——— Again, Father James says gather up all the crums, for there is much scatter'd about on the floor, and You must know that there is a great Company that have come near to the Kingdom, and You are call'd upon to extend an open hand of charity towards the Children of this world. ——— ——— ——— One again cries out " I testify that there is an Angel in this meeting whose mission is to pass to and fro thro' Zion, and he cries aloud saying " O Children this is a day for Zion to stand as an ensign to the nations, She must be a bright and shining sample. Many shall pass thro' and strive to mar and destroy all the good; Therefore all should be watchfull and prayerfull, and let all remember that the food of every day is given in that day. It is tried Spirits which stand in connexion with God; Every thing Yea Every duty that is done right can be done according to the true order of God only, all workings one side of this true order, and not in a true gift of God, will not be accepted and finally there is no way to gain the favor of God only by faithfull Self denial ——— Meeting closed ———

Evening Meeting ——— First Family ———
——— Vision ———
——— I saw said one, the heavens open'd and the Angels descending prepar'd for battle; A large company of horsemen drawn up in battle array; I saw clouds of smoke and thick darkness all around; and the host were sounding on their trumpets, to awaken souls to come into judgment and prepare to meet their God, for his work would increase in the Earth, and his name would be fear'd amongst men. And I look'd again, and behold an Angel came from the South, with seven baskets of summer fruits, one was given to Elder John, and one to Eldress Sally to be distributed, with the request that we would kneel down and pray, that the mercy of God might be extended to souls both in and out of Zion. Those summer fruits were fruits of Paradise, and the five remaining baskets, would be given to the inhabitants of the Earth, to strengthen them to do the will of God. And I again look'd and behold the cloud of smoke was great and thick, and beyond it I beheld an innumerable company of Souls praising God, and saying Glory, honor and everlasting praise be to the Lamb and bride, and to our eternal Parents, who have mark'd out the way of Salvation. And again they shouted, Praise and glory be to our God; to the two in one holy and blessed forever; and I saw that this company who were seen thus praising and giving Glory to God were assembled in a smooth level plain, far beyond the tumult of the smoke. ———

Sabbath ——— Church Meeting ———
——— April 19th 1846 ——— After singing an Anthem as is common; Elder Brother Eli observ'd that there was one thing he had often times thought of, and he believ'd it would

be well for all to consider it well and often call it to mind. They were the words of our holy Mother "That such garments as we prepar'd for ourselves in this life, we would have to wear in Eter-nity, before the holy Saints and Angels. If they were bright and glorious, or if they were spotted all over, as we made them, so we would have to wear them in her Kingdom. That this is an un-alterable truth, so that it stood us in hand to see to it, if we wish'd to wear an unspotted garment when we enter'd the Eternal world. ——— Moreover he said it was not likely to be big things that would spot them, for such would be easily seen and avoided, but it was little disorderly indulgences, which were small in appearance, which the great mind overlooks, these are the kind of things which would be most likely to mar the garment, but nevertheless as we made them so we would have to wear them. ——— Our meeting to day mov'd on heavy, but at the Sugestion of Elder Jno We Sat down on the floor and tri'd to gather some simplicity, while in this labor many of the Young Sisters kindly bestow'd on us their Love and blessing, which Strengthen'd us and on rising they Sang for the brethren to dance, by which life was gain'd, and freedom flow'd in, and the congregation was Strengthen'd and refresh'd, and gloom and death was driven away. We then gave our Love to the Ministry, (who were going to White Water,) for them to carry, to our Gospel friends at that place.

Meeting clos'd.

First family ——— Saturday evening April 25th 1846 ——— ——— ——— Meeting commenc'd as usual, and in the progress of it, life Sprung up, in rather an uncommon

manner, and it was announced by an inspir'd one, that there was an uncommon degree of the Love and power of God had been and was now ministering to the people by the attending Angels and Spirits. And also that there was a large body of holy Angels had just come in, to bring strength and encouragement to the Ministry and Elders, and to build up and fortify the walls of Zion, that she might be able to stand and not fall, in the hour of severe trial which awaits her, which is near at hand, even at the door. Again they say that it is necessary all her watchmen should be alive and awake, and be cloth'd upon with the whole Armor of God, for soon they would be sorely and severely tried; As the enemy was strengthening his hands, and increasing his force to do his utmost to discourage and distress the Children of Zion. ——— Many express'd their thankfulness for their privelege, and their immovable resolution to hold on to the end against all opposing influences from whatever quarter they might be presented. ——— Elder Fr. said all that were justified and felt Mothers work uppermost in their souls, would find Mothers Love and blessing, for she was here, and would ultimately give every one just what they should merit by their works of Charity and goodness. He proceeded and in great fervency of Spirit, walking swiftly round the room, he proclaimd in a very loud voice, to all murmurers and fault finders, and all that were following Christ for the loaves and fishes, and stood in opposition to the work of God, that their days were numberd, and that they were near the end of their journey, that such a Spirit was unfit for an inhabitant of the house of God, and would be separated from the faithfull ———

Sabbath ——— (Church Meeting) ——————————
——— April 26th 1846 ——— After singing an
Anthem as usual Elder Brother Eli observ'd that we were
again bless'd with an opportunity of assembling together, and
it would be well to consider how our time had been spent, for we
were travelling to our long homes; that every rising and setting Sun,
took another day, and we had not many more to enjoy; therefore it
would be well for us to consider whether we are prepar'd to meet the
Solemn change. ——— An inspir'd one in the
Early part of the meeting declar'd there was a rock plac'd in the
Alley between the brethren and Sisters, And he saw an Angel
come and Smite the rock with a weapon, and it was open'd;
and there gush'd out water, which had the appearance of fire,
and the Angel said that the fountain that was there open'd
was intended for the Children of Zion, to bathe and wash
in, that they may be purified and clean'd therein ———
——— Many pray'd for more life and zeal, and that they
might feel an increase of the fire of God in their souls. ———
——— Brother Gideon Hughes having been to Pleasant Hill,
brought forth his budget of Love from our Gospel friends, in
that part of our holy Mothers Vineyard; And Father David
and Mother Ruth's blessing and Love came also with it ———
——— Eldress Betsy now came into meeting,
and inform'd us that God had a controversy with Zion, And the
Angel of Judgment is also here with a gift of resignation, and
all shall feel finally that in this gift is true strength. But it
is free and will never be forc'd, any who choose to reject it, may,
but they alone shall bear all the consequences ———
——— With this company also came Elder Archibald
and gave us his Love and blessing ——— The
controversy which God has in Zion is with Unbelief, the blinding and

darkning influence of that subtle enemy of all good is here and the controversy of God is against it. And moreover the Angel of Judgment has come to minister just Judgment and to make every one feel and fully understand that the Gospel is worth Sacrificing every thing for, and all shall know that none but volunteers in the work of God, will stand the fire of the coming day ——— Eldress Betsy bears witness to the truth of the Angels testimony, and adds in addition to what he hath said, that there has much good been minister'd here which has not been receiv'd, by reason of the unprepar'd state of the recipients, and that death and bondage has been the consequence. But continues Eldress Betsy No one need be discourag'd for these are not days of darkness, but of great light, and great increase of the work of God. She then left us and wav'd her Love on us in reconciliation. ———

——— After a considerable time of silent reflection in the whole Meeting Elder John gave a privelege for all of the age of twenty and under to go to their rooms, and then observ'd that he had been impressed to speak to the brethren and sisters, and began by stating he had nothing but good will for any one; but he wish'd to say, "that we had been much bless'd from time to time and it becomes us to bring forth fruit according to the degree that we have receiv'd. We are call'd to an account for the privelege we have had, and now let every one consider how he has improv'd it. We are accountable to God for the pearl of great price which he has entrusted us with; it is indeed a rich pearl, the value of which no language can express, and there is but one way to secure the prize; and it is unnecessary to enumerate or bring up excuses; for it is well understood that this mortification and tribulation only, a blessing is gain'd. We understand that we must receive all we gain, or receive, at all as a little child does. It seems to me the time is come that we

should walk as little children. To do this we have a great deal to do, and but little time to do it in; and we must do it by in-ward works of Obedience and not by outward profession and show &c It seems to me there might be an increase found in regard to speaking as freely as some do, for instance if any thing is mention'd which does not meet the views of a person, tho' it might be according to counsel, and in perfect order, Yet if that person speaks right out in strong disaprobation among his equals, and ministers a spirit in direct oppo-sition to the gift; this is not building up the work of God, but tearing it down, and on this subject all have been warn'd double seventy times seven. Charity suffereth long and is Kind, but God hath said that his spirit should not always strive with man. There is in Zion an Order set, and Judgment is vested in it by divine appointment, and that Order is always prepard to hear such Openings, and to administer all needful relief to the agrieved, but all side way complaints, murmurings and fault findings out of the hearing of that order, is unjust, disorderly, and never calculated to do good, but much harm, and is a cause of much distress and affliction, and is subversive of all peace & harmony. In order to receive the gospel as a little child all cannot do as they, please may indeed, none can do their own will but all must do the will of God, and learn to go in union. In our most secret thoughts and particularly in our private conversation with our most intimate friends we should support the Order and promptly oppose any infringements on its sacred requirements.

In this way no soul will be rob'd, but all will have a fair chance to work out their Salvation. Souls are seen, the condition of every one is well understood in this day

the spirit of the little child can always distinguish be-
-tween the spirit of the Lamb and the spirit of the Lion.
The light of God shows these things, and every opposing
principle is open to view. There should be pulling dif-
ferent ways but all should pull together one right way.
How much have we trampled under foot the true order
of God, and how often we have been told better; Brethren
and Sisters this thing should not be, but must be quit.
If we move on in union and in order we shall find
an increase, but if we lay out our plans, and pursue a
course contrary to the will of God, we shall grow blinder
and blinder untill we shall have no light left us, there
can be no blessing only in obedience. Have you honor'd
and fear'd God as You should do, have You receiv'd the
gospel as little Children. There is sometimes complaints
in regard to temporal management, but let such as make
them consider, do they cordially unite with the temporal
lead and do the best they can to advance the interest of
the body, according to the plans laid out, and the counsel
given, or do they show disapprobation, and backwardness
or indifference in duty, and thus breed disturbance
and unreconciliation in the ranks and opposition to the
order of God. Or in such cases do they open their troubles in
order, or scatter them among their brethren or sisters thus
corrupting others, as well as injuring themselves. It is truly
a pity if this is the case, and some of You know for Yourselves
whether it is or not. This is not building up the walls
of Zion, but tearing them down. Now all this kind of
thing should be honestly confess'd and put away in
Order, and all who conscientiously do this, will find an
increase, but all who seek deep to hide, shall not prosper.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— May 3rd 1846 ———
——————— After singing an Anthem, Elder Brother said his impressions from reading the Scriptures this morning were of Solemn import and were derivd from the words of Jesus, wherein he compares the Kingdom of heaven to a merchant who sought a goodly pearls and when he had found one, he went and sold all he had and bought it. He observd that it took all he had to purchase it. And now said he I have been examining myself to see whether I have any more Sales to make, for I expect large Sales will have to be made, before all would be disposd of; for there is Self will must go, and Self pleasing, and Self indulgence all this must go; And he concluded by observing that he thought it might be worthy of our consideration; for one he said he had weighd the matter honestly for one. ———
——————— A few minutes after we commenced marching an inspird one testifiad that he had seen the Spirit of enmity which opposd the work of God in this place, and had heard him speak words as follows, viz, that the fire was truly be-coming hot, and his situation was somewhat critical, insomuch that he was compeld to remove his outposts, and be more closely on his watch; but that he would not give up the contest, but should strive to Keep a place in the body, and work by dark insinuations and deep laid plans to carry his main points, that he would not leave the ground Yet, and should not despair of doing much evil Yet provided he could keep out of sight, and work in the dark, and this he should do untill the fire became so hot, he could not stand it. ———
——————— Father Joseph then presented a Sword to the Ministry, for all of his class, and they being calld forward and they were presented to them. He told them that the day had come when all who servd the Lord and lovd to serve him should be known, and those who were otherwise could not be hidd. He recommended all to be free, and to speak their faith and determinations without

embarrasment. He warnid the infaithfull, and declaid to them that the righteous Judgments of God would soon overtake the wicked. ——— Father James and Father William also came in to meeting with a comfortable ministration, they open'd a fountain for all to bathe in, and desird all to be free and wash and be clean; they exhorted all to come while the door of mercy was Yet open; O come said they, and inlist in the battle of the Lord, come and do not delay. They counsel'd the Young to look well to their goings, and never attempt to worship God with sin cover'd. &c. The Ministry and Elders sanctiond what our heavenly Parents had enjoin'd, charg'd all to keep sacred what they had heard and not waste it in idle talk, or in any kind of Vanity.

Meeting clos'd as usual.

Vision ——— Janry 26th 1840 ———

——— While in meeting as we were marching the second song, I saw Six of Christs disciples come in to the meeting house, togeth. - er with a large company of Brethren and Sisters. There was St. John St. Matthew, St. Bartholomew, St. Luke, St. Peter, St James and St Paul. While looking at them I heard Mothers voice, talking to them, but I Knew not what she said; but I saw her hand to them a trumpet which was of gold, it was about six feet long. ——— ——— ——— Mother fill'd the trumpet with vengiance, conviction and repentance, and told them to go to the S.E. and blow them upon the Kingdoms of this world. There was about sixty of the company who took trumpets and went their way. Mother then gave me sixteen trumpets fill'd with Conviction and Sweet Repentance, to give to the Ministry and Elders to blow on her children here, that they might feel a broken heart and sorrow for Sin. She told me to tell Elder

Free gift, that the wil should be destroyd with battles of shaking and be consumid by her fire. My guide then said, that Mother wanted me to go with her. The disciples and the rest of the company, took their journey to the S. C. and we came after a while within the hearing of the sound of their trumpets. They were sounding their trumpets on a hill, in a Town, or thick settlement, and we were in a valley, at the side of the hill, our path being very narrow but bright as brightness, and as light as the mid-day sun. —— We all halted here in this beautifull path, when all at once the trumpets gave a tremendous sound, far louder than any thunder I ever heard. The Country and every where round as far as I could see, commenéd shaking and crushing to peices; the air became dark with fragments, and materials of every description. With some surprise I asked what this was and what it meant. St. Paul answer'd, it is the great day of God Al-mighty, and the battle of Shaking Spoken of the Prophet, to break in peices the Kingdoms of this world, and consume them with fire. There was not a house or a tree standing as far as I could see; It was heaps upon heaps, and desolation all around; smoke arising on different sides. On the West side of the hill I saw a woman with a large flock of sheep following her down the hill to the path where we were standing. She held her hand behind her as tho she was bating them with something; She came to the bright path, and the sheep follow'd her in single file, till she came within a few rods of where we were standing. I asked who she was, and was answer'd, She is a Shepardess who has come down to the valley to save her sheep and Lambs. ——————— I look'd and could see nothing standing on the hill, but a standard, the height of which was I think near an hundred feet, with two large white flags, with purple stars, and on the side of the flag that expanded towards us, were figures in-scrib'd in gold 1847. The Evangelist John said, this is the

day I saw while on the Isle of Patmos, when the heavens departed as a scroll when it is roll'd together, and the Prophet Isaiah said this is the day that I prophecied of while on Earth. ———————

——————— We were now told that we were going to the North West to witness another great and terrible battle. We left Union Village on the West side of us, and went on North a great distance but I know not where, and we came again in Sound of trumpets.

There Says St Paul is the signal for the battle. We now rose high in the air, and flew with Swiftness untill we came over the battle ground, and I saw in the hands of all the company hoisted flags of a purple color, with golden streaks and stars. And in the plain stood a standard, which they declaird to be the standard of truth, with flags like unto the first standard I saw only the figures which were 1888. I heard a loud voice proclaiming, Spare not one building of Antchrist, and leave not one stone upon an-other. At this time the trumpets gave their tremendous sound and the shaking commenced, and the next moment, all was darkness and tumult, and the air below was again fill'd with fragments of destruction. When the Shaking abated I saw the smoke arising in many places to consume the rubish. Joana of old spake and said, righteousness shall reign, and cover the earth as the waters do the Sea. For the blessed gospel of Mother shall never end. Glory and honor for ever and ever. Amen.

There was about as many brethren as sisters. I Knew but few of the company. Joana, Mary Magdalene And Mary those I heard the names of. There was also Elizabeth Waits and my guide, that I Know. I now left the scene and return'd home, and I found my trumpet Yet with me, that Mother gave me before I left home.

Inspird Instrument.

——— Smith ———

Chosen Square —— May 24th 1846 ——

—— This morning the whole Society met with the intention of visiting the chosen square. Elder John open'd meeting by stating that he consider'd our privelege great, that we were kindly notic'd of God, in being taught the way of God, and being instructed in the doctrine and practice of Self denial. He wish'd all to be engag'd and be alive in their spirits, and labor for the quickning power of God, to bless and strengthen us through the coming day.

After dancing a lively song and gaining some freedom, we were inform'd that the holy Saviour and Mother Ann was with us and would accompany us to the chosen Square.

As usual we march'd to the square to the sound of music, stoping once on our way to sound on our trumpets; On arriving at the gate we were met by a large company of holy Angels from the S. West they said if we would turn to the South and blow with our trumpets they would unite with us thro' the day. They now march'd in with us, and recommended to us be simple and labor for the precious gifts of God, promising to the faithfull and devoted that they should experience the blessing of God. They declard that as the Kingdom of heaven could only be obtaind by those who were willing to become as little children, so neither can the gifts of God be truly realis'd, without becoming as a little child; but all that will humble themselves shall feel a fullness of the goodness of God in the present instance. ——

—— Moreover they testified that the Love of God, and the power of God would be manifest here to day in an exceeding degree, that all might feel their freedom, bear the word of their testimony to one another, and enjoy a fullness of the blessing and good-ness of God. And indeed as the meeting progress'd, the truth of the Angels word was particularly fulfill'd. The power of God fell on the assembly in a wonderful manner, many powerfull

and awakening testimonies were deliver'd, and many and diverse were the gifts of God which were recein'd by the people, some spake with tongues, and others prophecied, and spake of the wonderfull works of God. Many under the gift of inspiration spake much to the edification of the people. There was also a general expression of thankfulness for the priveleges which this pure and holy Gospel affords. Mother pours her Love on the multitude, it is flowing all around and the company feel its invigorating influence; the blessing flows in a full stream, and the baptism becomes universal thro' the body.

In the midst of this outpouring of the spirit, there came a large company of departed spirits and asked permission to unite with us, and liberty was granted them; and immediately 500 Angels desired admittance, they come cloth'd with Love and blessing from the heavens for the children assembled in the chosen Square to worship God. Father Joseph now arrives, and requests six of his class to go to the tree of victory which is standing in the S. East corner of the Square, and take their baskets and fill them, then bring them forward and give the Contents of them to the people. ——— An Angel enter'd the Square with us that has a word to the people, if it is in Union; Granted and he proceeds, "Hear all Ye people, the day of God is at hand, and a great and mighty work shall be manifest amongst the people of the world; Such as was never known before. Remember what You have come here for, Remember that all who come here have a sacrafice to make, which will take all that is selfish. This sacrafice cannot be made without the help of God; No one will pretend to be stronger than Jesus, and he said of himself he could do nothing. We have come here to make the sacrafice, and to strive to gain the favor of God, to enable us to do the will of God. And now to day

is strength offer'd to all; Yea this is a day for all to come forward and drink freely of the waters of life, and I am now ready to pour on the blessing, the power and strength into every soul, that is hungering and thirsting after righteousness. It may be receiv'd by boweing, And the Angel cries aloud "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he "that soweth to the Spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." ——— Father William Father James and Father David say "Liberate Your Spirits, and gather now of the treasures of heaven, for God will yet send thousands to this place to worship him on this ground, and for that reason You should be wide awake and alive in the world that Ye be not found in the way of them that are Yet to come. And mind Ye the work of God from this time will be quick and powerfull and Ye have no time to spare in idleness or indiference if You intend to make the living substance of the gospel Your only treasure. O dear Children the fruits of heaven are flowing all around You, do gather them now while You have opportunity; Strengthen Your souls in good, and learn to possess Your Vessels in honor. Many express'd thankfullness for the freedom of the day, and thank'd Mother for the pure and holy gospel, which enabled them to secure the blessings which flow'd from it. Thankfull for deliverance from the bondage which the Devil casts round the Soul; deliverence from sin, from Evil, and error, and made free to worship God in the beauty of holiness in Spirit and in truth as simple innocent children. The people seem full to overflowing, they break out in such Language as the following," I know this to be the power of God, and am not mis--taken; I am thankfull for it, for the Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation in deed and in truth, and I know it, and feel it this mo--ment. O it is a pretty way; it is the best thing I ever knew and I will be thankful for it; Let the flesh go, I will not be subject to it; I am thankfull to God, he has made me able to hate the flesh, and keep it under subjection. The Angels have the heavenly fruits & blessings from heaven

and have ministerd them to us and we feel the divine impulse in the stimulous of Love in our souls, Glory. ——— An inspird one cries out' I know and feel by the inspiration of the holy Spirit, that the day is nigh at hand that God will seperate the wicked from the good; Yea bow low and be wise, and see that Ye hurt not the oil and the wine for all shall be accountable for the use they make of their privelege in the gospel. The Love I feel extends to all souls, and the Love of our heav-enly Parents and all the good Spirits which are here are commingling with ours. ——— A holy Angel has just gone to the N. West with a proclamation that God is about to bring all mankind into judg-ment immediately. And O Let Zion be prepaird for the souls of men for the time is at hand that God will require You to open Your hearts wide, and that You feel nothing but Love towards all nations, and Keep not back Your stores, nor Your Love and Your sincere desires for the Childrew of men, It is the desire of the holy Savior for us to Sound a shout to the four quarters of the Earth. And then Kneel down and pray for the nations and Kingdoms of this world, that they may feel the arrows of conviction, and be taught where the power of God may be found to their salvation. ———

——— An intermission for half an hour, previous to which there was read to the attending Spectators a small essay of Counsel to the world intitled "The word of the Lord to all People that shall follow his chosen ones to the Holy feast upon this consecrated grounds" Extracted from a Communication given at the East on an occasion somewhat similar. For the original See Elders Johns collection of communications. ——— After the intermission we again assembled and the power again for a time ran thro' the congregation filling every Vessel full of joy and delight; untill our bodies were wearied, and our souls replenishd and it was thought seasonable to adjourn for the present.

Elder Jn° seriously recommending to all to open their hearts wide, to receive any and all Souls, which the goodness of God might see fit to prepare as Subjects of the Gospel, and in doing this we might reasonably expect a continuation of blessing ——

As usual we march'd home, closing the service of the day, having been together about 5 hours ——

Church Meeting —— June 21st 1846 —— —— —— —— —— —— —— Sabbath —— —— After the usual manner the present meeting Commenc'd, And after the Anthem was sung Elder Brother observ'd that our privelege was great and he hoped we were sensible of it; that it was a day of more light and power of God than had ever been witness'd by man on the Earth, in any preceding dispensation. It could not be said in truth that any of us were ignorant of our duty, but every one was fully acquainted with their duty, and it was to fear God and Keep his commandments, to deal justly love mercy, and walk humbly before him; with such his spirit would always abide, for this is the promise, and we may in perfect safety (rely) on it. —— We then march'd some, and labor'd in some other manners, and in the progress of the meeting we were informd by an inspir'd one that there was a blessing in store for the Young, and in their Obedience they should be fill'd with Life and power, and sup-ported and protected from the snares of the wicked one. —— —— Eldress Betsy now ente'd into our meeting and brought sacks of the Seed of peace, for the North Union Visitors; and also baskets of heavenly fruit, for the assembly to eat, and also plenty for the Visitors to take home with them for the chil-dren there. And moreover She promis'd to accompany them home

and nine other good Spirits also promis'd to bear them com-
-pany also. We now united in sending our Love and blessing
to our good Gospel Friends at North Union, and sent them in
these words, "I am glad I am a Shaker". As by the visitation
of Providence that Section of Country had suffer'd severely by
drouth, and a disease in the Potato crop had render'd them
destitute of that usefull Article of food, we made them a
decent present, on their return, in token of sympathy for their
Sufferings, and to prove by our actions, that we love in deed
and in truth, as well as in word and in tongue ——

The Company from North Union on the present visit con-
sisted of Elder Samuel Russell, Curtis Cramer, Prudence
Sawyer, and Melinda Russell.

Meeting clos'd.

Church Meeting —— Sabbath —— July 5th 1846 ——
—— It was this day testified that the holy
Savior was present, with a gift of Love and Charity fully
sufficient to heal the broken hearted, bind every wounded Spirit
and set free every Child of Mother —— And again it
was testified by another inspir'd One, "That there was a
beautifull Cloud overshadow'd us, and on the Cloud a beau-
-tifull Bow was plac'd, having the appearance of a Rain-bow.

It was said to have been given as a Sign or Seal to the
Covenant which had been again renew'd, that we would
willingly make any and all Sacrafices which the Gospel of
Mother might demand, in order to become a rightfull in-
-heritance with the Savior and Mother Ann, in their
holy and happy Kingdom.

Church Meeting ——————— Sabbath ——— July 12th 1846 ———
——————— After the Customary introductory Anthem
a heavenly Messenger appear'd with a signal blessing of God
for all Mothers Children. The Messenger in order to gain the
blessing, we must come low enough to desire it Sincerely, and all
who come into this state of humility shall feel the blessing flowing
into the soul to nourish and cherish it. He said the truly devoted
Spirit would be simple enough to ask for it, and then be willing
to receive in any way that it might be sent. ——————
—— A Company of holy Spirits came and they brought another
blessing for all the Children, in a drink of cheering wine; they
wish all to be sincere and hold out their cups in faith, and
they shall be fill'd, and they mention'd that they wish'd Bro.
Enoch Jacobs to have a full share. There is also a little Angel
going about among the brethren and Sisters, ministering to each
one faith and blessing. ——————— There are also here
to day a Company of Messengers, who are blowing on trum-
-pets of Liberty, and amongst them are flags of Liberty flying;
and they cry O Children be free, and own and acknowledge
Your Mother here among one another, for You will have to
acknowledge her Yet before the whole world, and own her
particularly as Your Spiritual Mother, standing in her
Lot in the heavens with the Saviour J. Christ. ——————
——— Again, another Company of holy Angels came in,
and they unitedly declare, that if the Children here have
not all receiv'd a rich blessing, it must be because their dish
is wrong side up, for they say the Messengers of God are truly
impartial, and all have a fair opportunity to receive, ac-
cording to their state and true Spiritual condition. ——————
——————— Elder John, and with him all the Meet-
-ing sent their Love to the Eastern Societies by E. Jacobs; and

also to his advent Friends, as far as he might feel it would be Kindly receiv'd by them, we wish our Love and union to be felt by all who are willing to serve God and bear a Cross against all evil in their Knowledge. ——— And to Bro Enoch he said "Go in Gods strength, and feel our Strength and protection on Your Journey, and when Your gift is out, and Your duty to God and Your friends is accomplish'd, then return here, and You shall find a sincere welcome, and a good home. And be Ye bold and strong and bear the testimony of truth in simplicity and plainness to the souls of all who desire to Know the way of God and do it, Among believers and Adventists both, or any where honest souls can hear You.

Meeting Clos'd.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— July 19th 1846 ——— An instrument in the early part of the Meeting announc'd the presence of Mother, and her word to us at this time is, "That we are too high to receive the gifts that the holy Spirits have prepar'd for us just now. We have not enough humility but are too high and self sufficient, too independent, and not low enough to feel the blessed and simple gifts, which are prepar'd by the good Angels for us; but we should labor in our spirits, untill we could gain a true gift of Repentance. ——— We labord to gain as Mother had directed us; And in the progress of the meeting there came in two holy Spirits, who held in their hands a fruit bearing branch from the tree of Liberty; they walk'd up and down the Alley shaking the blessed fruit over the brethren and Sisters. And also they had a horn of the Anointing Oil to give to every One, as much of it as they were desired prepar'd to desire ——— In the latter part of this meeting there was a general, and almost universal disgust

exhibited against the flesh; and a testimony of unqualified condemnation was pronounced upon it, and its affections, as unclean, filthy, and completely and perfectly hateful and abominable; All that could be felt and express'd against an enemy, was brought into market, and found language in this universal burst of indignation, and burning hatred against, our common adversary, by the Aged, the middle Aged and Youth ——— And while this active war was going on Our holy Mother thro' an instrument, desired that all might keep a sharp sword actively employ'd against the flesh all the time, day and night, out of meeting as well as in. Let all be wide awake and alive in their spirits, and let it burn untill all and singular that pertains to it may be consumed in the fire of the gospel. ——— Mother then open'd a fountain in the holy Sanctuary and every one is free if they choose, to bathe and wash in it and be clean and pure. ———

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Augst 16th 1846 ——— After the introductory Anthem Elder Bro. Eli stated that the holy Orders requir'd the Elders to see that all the members were free and simple in the worship of God, he therefore required it of us, to be in the gift, to be alive and awake in the worship of God, and free and simple in their Spirits. ——— Soon after we began to labor, there came a band of holy Angels to assist us to comply with, and properly appreciate the value of the gift ministered to us, by Elder Brother. And in their company was one in particular, who came to help us to Keep the resolutions we made last night; And they were never to speak evil of our Brethren and Sisters; And to cast out the old accuser of the brethren, who accus'd them night & day

before God, and also to assist us in common with the rest, in Sustaining us in our resolutions just mention'd, and he caution'd us in a most feeling manner never to speak evil with the same tongue with which we attempted to praise God. ——— Bro. Andrew Houston sent to one of the Brethren a Gold. -en trumpet, and desir'd him to sound on it in remembrance of the time when Mothers work was in full force and energy in this place. The gift was minister'd and the assembly united in it, and we gave a general sound on our trumpets, with the brother who recein'd the present, to commemorate the time when the fire of Mothers work was in this place strong and powerfull. ——— Our blessed Mother is now standing in the midst and she has a gift for us, and that is to strip off all our old filthy garments of malice and ill will, and she will give us a pure garment of kindness and Charity for one another, and if the old Coat is not entirely strip'd off the new robe cannot be put on. We must be humble and pure, simple and honest or there can be no blessing for us. ——— The gift of inspi ration is here, and by the holy word we are call'd upon to reverence the aged, and honor them that have gone before us, and remember the sick and afflicted & to minister to them, and do our best to make them Comfortable. ——— Mother loves her little flock and has sent Eldress Betsy to us with a basket containing flowers of Charity which all may receive by holding out the right hand, and she will notice them in heaven, before the holy Angels, and before our heavenly Father, when they are done with time. ——— Many Angels were present, and amongst the rest there was a recording Angel, who is willing to record the names of all who are willing to be enroll'd with the faithfull, and Keep the resolution they have

made, to love one another, and never speak a word against any brother or Sister, not even say a word, which can be ascrib'd to any but a charitable motive, or any word which shall be in the least calculated to make a brother or Sisters character worse in the estimation of any unprejudic'd mind than before the word was spoken. ——————————
—————— We all bow'd, and sincerely pray'd to Mother to strengthen our resolutions, and support us in living the life of true believers. —— Just at the close of the meeting there came into meeting a large company of holy Angels whose mission was to comfort and console those in the world who had been visited by the Angels of conviction, and they gave us their Love, and also gave a cup to each individual amongst us full of "Kind forms of expression" and tender pleasant speeches, or rather tender and conciliatory forms of Speech, of which we could sup every morning, and it would have a tendency to preserve us from harshly censuring, or Speaking Evil of any one. They also desir'd us to give them our Love to carry with them, and they would minister it to those Souls in the world who had been visited by the fire of conviction, for they said our Love would be more congenial to their feelings, than any thing they had for them as we were nearer their state than they were. ——————
—— After the Good Spirits had kindly counsell'd us to love and venerate the Gospel, and the whole order of God, and to love one another, they concluded by advising us so to treat one another "that we would Love the way of God, because of our lovely companions, and thus we would be bound to our pretty homes, and to the Gospel, and to God and to one another, and to such souls the word had no Charms. Thus saying they went their way, & meeting clos'd ——

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Augst 23rd 1846

——— In the commencement of meeting Elder Brother Eli said that he often thought of a saying that was made in the early settlement of believers in this place; the substance of the saying was, that all fleshly ties of the natural relation, in the order of nature, would have to be destroyd.

He also minister'd a strong feeling of grattitude to God, for the blessing of Peace and quietness which we now enjoy'd, that we could assemble in the holy sanctuary, undisturb'd by those without. He then feelingly call'd our attention to a passage in the Sacred Roll wherein we are reminded, that as our understanding and privelege increas'd, the Lord requir'd us to walk more circumspectly, and be more careful to keep every Order of Mothers house. ———

——— After we had march'd a song or two, a Company of Holy Angels of freedom and Liberty came into meeting, and their business here is to minister any and all gifts, which can be profitable to the soul. They state they have not come to force any one into measures, but to assist all to obtain power over the flesh and all other evils by which the human soul can be beset. ——— Strong desires are manifested by many to rise from a dead and stupid state. ———

——— The inspird ones began under the impulse of the gift to cry out as follows, "Thus saith the living power of God there are some here who wipe their mouths and say "I am clean, but they are not"; Our blessed Mother says "Odear children I did not gain redemption from a fallen nature by standing and looking on, but by doing the will of God.

And if You ever gain eternal life, You must labor in Earnest, and strive to gain the gifts of God. Again she says, "You must not refuse to unite with the faithfull

but if you think to find your relation to the faithfull, in the living work of God without exertion You will be disappointed. You may doubt and call the severe labor of believers all a phrensy, and You may look on and wonder, and call in question the work of the day; Yea you may look on in this way untill you drop into hell, and then you will be no wiser than you are now, and much worse off. But now at this time is your day to work out your salvation in good Earnest, and in sincerity, and not let the enemy of your souls add one more link to the chain that is intended to bind you to the bottomless pit. ——— It is declard that there is in the midst of this place a furnace which is heated seven times hotter than it is wont to be, and the privelege of every one is to strip themselves from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot, of all the remnants of Pride and lust with every thing else that is contrary to the true gift of God, and cast all into the midst of that blazing furnace, and it shall be consumid and utterly destroy'd. ———
——— The Angels sent a sword to each one under twenty five years of age, to cut away all evil, and particularly the flesh with its affections. ——— Blessed Mother says that there are some here who desire to obtain power over the flesh, but have not resolution and firmness to stand against their enemy. And she says all who stand fair and open in the light, and are perfectly seen by their elders, shall have power given them over sin, and shall be able to possess their souls in peace, and find redemption from their loss; but they must stand open and free with ~~every~~ wrong and disorderly thing confess'd honestly up, then when they come into meeting they shall receive the good that the holy Angels bring them, and they shall feel and sense it as the blessing of God and they shall be strengthen'd.

At the close of the meeting, Our heavenly Parents call'd on all to partake of a feast of the good things of heaven which they said was prepar'd for us on a long table in the alley, after which Our Kind Ministry and Elders gave us some general counsel, and the meeting clos'd —

Church Meeting —— Evening First Family —— —— Augst 24th 1846 —— Elder John open'd meeting by read-ing a lengthy and appropriate communication given by di-vine inspiration, and appealing with great earnestness to the Church in behalf of supporting the visible Lead and head of the body, and also containing fearfull denunciations against the opposite spirit and its adherents; purporting to be the word of six testifying Angels to the Chh. For reference to the com-munication, see Records of such documents in another Book. —— This being cordially responded to by the faithfull; Elder Jn next propos'd to labor some in the quick manner which was complied with, and the power and searching operation of the spirit of God, immediately began to display itself in an uncommon degree, in speaking, singing, dancing, bowing, Shaking &c &c —— Soon after lively laboring had commenc'd a Young Brother [illegible] felt a gift, to the following effect. I feel a gift "said he" to invite, and request all my young brethren and sisters to come out and help me to war against that wicked spirit which rises up in me to oppose the gift in my visible lead, in whatever shape it may appear in, that feeling of unrecon-ciliation to their proposals, which always wants to twist & turn and shape them in some other manner, than just the way in which they come. My Young brethren & Sisters I know

that this spirit has caus'd me all my trouble and distress, when I have felt any, and that in a spirit of cheerfull reconciliation and Obedience to my visible lead have I been able to feel all the true joy and comfort which I have ever felt." ——————

—————— With this gift all the young heartily united, and much freedom and power was manifested. —— Imediately after the first quick song and dance, an instrument° anounc'd the presence of a company of trumpet sounding Angels, whose mission was, to sound the everlasting gospel to the nations of the earth far and near. These Angels had enter'd our meeting to recieve from us strength Love &c, which was liberally minister'd to them. The holy leading Angel of this band deliver'd a message to this effect, " Dearly beloved Children of the first Chh in the West, understand ye, that we are a company of holy Angels whose mission it is to blow the trumpet of the everlasting gospel to a lost world, and sound conviction to their ears, that they may know their condition, and wake up to a sense of their dreadfull state. They will look to Zion for salvation, and come bending to her inhabitants to recieve comfort and healing to their wounded spirits, and strength to complete the work of their redemption. And O if Zion shall be unprepar'd to meet them, what awfull consequences will ensue, both to the inhabitants of Zion, and those who fly to her for shelter and protection. For behold as hath been said many spirits shall flock to Zion, very soon, who will come from the most polish'd circles of Society in the world and who will be of the most intelligent and influential orders of men; and how shall Zions Children be able to answer for it, when these spirits gather to her borders, if they see dissentions disunion, backbiting, and Schysms, and above all if they sh'd see a heaven daring spirit of Opposition rearing its brazen

brazen front against the visible order, which is set for Zions protection; calling in question, all the gifts and proposals eminating from the same; taking to itself certain sons of belial and forming a party, whose labor, and that continually, is to set at defiance the holy visible order, and if possible to undermine, and entirely subvert every good gift of inspiration, every vestage of the spirit of Obedience and reconciliation, and bring in everlasting destruction upon this fair City of God upon earth. O Zion! O Zion! hear this and forget it not, for the day of Gods work is near at hand and prepare O! prepare to be a blessing and not a curse in his hands, who holds all power in heaven and on Earth. Yea, make ready for his holy ingathering for Your time is short; Yea, very short.. ——

—— After this address by the leading Angel; a Young brother announced the presence of Father William and Father James, who each carried a watering pot fill'd with the waters of repentance to sprinkle the brethren and Sisters with, who recei'd the same upon their Knees, with much sincerity and thankfulness; And again the thrilling power of God was felt, in brisk singing and dancing, after which many of the Young people express'd their faith and determination, and call'd on all in the meeting in a most sincere and earnest manner to assist them to keep firmly all their good resolutions. The power of the most high was now display'd in a marvellous manner, insomuch that Language is unable to give any competent Idea of it, and in order to be realis'd must be felt. For many minutes its operation was almost universal in those assembled, and was particularly manifest singing, shouting, speaking, dancing, shaking, whirling crying aloud, weeping &c &c &c

One Young man in an especial manner was greatly

affected by the Spirit of true repentance, weeping and sobbing aloud, and beseeching the mercy of God, and likewise deplo-ring our present state, because of an obstruction which he stated was somewhere existing in the body. Crying out in extreme pain apparently; "There's an obstruction", "There's an obstruction". Elder Jn.° seconded this movement and spoke with vehement energy and living power, denouncing those who were the cause of the "Obstruction" with terrible and withering effect, and warning them in the most feeling and searching manner to come to the light before it was too late. ——— A young Sister was also greatly wrought upon by the gift of repentance, and at the same time announcing the presence of our ever blessed Mother in power and in Love, and ex horting us very feelingly with weeping and supplication. The above named sister together with Sr. Z both received messages which they were instructed to commit to writing and to be read the next morning. ——— Bro. T. now arose from the floor where he had been laying and "said" There is before my Eyes a very dark cloud and on one corner of the cloud I see a soul sitting alone, in profound darkness in relation to his own state, he does not know that he is sitting on that cloud but believes he is in the light; And it is re-quir'd that the whole meeting kneel down and pray earnestly that this person may be made able to see and comprehend his dark and dangerous state; the requirement was immediately com plied with. ——— It was announc'd that the Searcher of hearts was present, and would know the thoughts and intents of every one in the house from which no soul could hide or escape, — and also that a fire was kindled into which all remaining evils might be cast and finally burn'd up root & branch. ——— ——— Mother desires of us to walk in peace and quietness thro' the coming week, and to Keep the fear of God, and devote our time in

in prayer, and she also inform'd us, that she would leave with us for a season a kind guardian Spirit, who is a recording Angel, and will faithfully note the going of each and every soul. ——— ——— ——— Our good Ministry then gave us some excellent advice and Clos'd the Meeting. ———

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Augst 30th 1846 ——— ——— Meeting commenced by singing, and after that, Elder Brother Eli observ'd, "that it was cause of thankfulness that we were again permitted to assemble together to worship God without disturbance from without, and if we had come feeling that we were poor dependant Creatures, and that of ourselves we can do nothing, having a conscience void of offense, we were prepar'd to make our Offering, and God would accept of it. If this is the true state of the body, there is no doubt but we shall be able to find an increase, in the living gift of the Spirit, which will support and sustain us thro' the time of our sojourning thro' our probationary state in this world. ——— ——— After the march began an inspir'd one announc'd to the assembly the presence of an innumerable host of holy Angels, having with them many good and precious gifts from the heavens, which they are prepar'd to minister, to as many as are prepar'd to receive them. ——— Another inspir'd one testified that their was a great work of God progressing in the spiritual world; and it was hastening fast, to prepare souls in this world for a similar work, and particularly to the Zion of God upon earth. And the call of God to us is, to wake up with increas'd Zeal and energy to be in readiness to receive it, and be bless'd with the increasing gift which is so near us, and which it is surely the intention of our heavenly Father to bestow on us.

(At this time there was a very general feeling, and expression of the presence of a great number of holy Angels, and good spirits who were surrounding us, and pouring on us their united helps and blessing, and assisting us for the Labor of preparing our selves for the work should be soon manifested on the earth. ———— It is emphatically declar'd that Mothers Love is flowing freely amongst us, and strengthening the faithful, and it is also declar'd that Mothers Love, is the Love of one another. ———— An inspir'd one cries out, who would not be willing to exert their utmost Zeal and energy, to shake off and drive away every thing that would hinder or stand in the way of their becoming fit Subjects of the Kingdom, or fit and suitable companions for union and fellowship, with the holy angels, and good spirits who are now with us. Or who would not bow their souls, in subjection and true submission to the order of God, and bear all things for so great a privelege. ———— Many now cry out "O I want more of Mothers Love, Mothers simple love, it is spread out all over us and covereth us as with a mantle; O the sweet Love of my good brethren and sisters; and Dear Mother says" there is nothing to hinder the free reception of that blessed Love, the Love of one another, if the soul is only in a state to receive it. It is Dear Children a blessing which all may gain, Yea they shall feel and sense it, according to the degree in which they are prepar'd by honest and sincere devotedness, and sincere inward reconciliation to do the work, and submit their souls to the true Order of God. ———— Again Holy Mother says, "Dear Children," Now is the time for all to unite, and gain freedom and power to overcome the adversary, and gain the good that is for you — now to day — be alive and awake, with your souls ready, and anxious for the blessing, with a full preparation, by honesty of purpose and sincerity

of heart to receive from the good Spirits whatever good, they have kindly brought us from the heavens. ——— O says one, I see the holy Angels bowing their souls before our blessed Mother, and O brethren and Sisters, are we not willing to bow our bodies and souls to our Mother to acknowledge our obligations unto her, and to that holy Agency she has according to her wisdom plac'd in Zion for our protection. ——— Mother says" O my Children, have You tasted of the good gifts that flow from our Kindness and Love to You? I know some of You have, but indeed all any of you have yet receiv'd, is only as the drop in the bucket, or the small dust in the balance, compar'd with that fulness of Joy you shall yet feel if You continue faithfully to discharge your duty in the gifts and callings which are given You to improve. ——— An inspir'd one says" if it is in union with the beloved Ministry and Elders, Father and Mother have a cup of tribulation to give unto all under 30 Years of age ——— they drink ——— Another inspir'd one says" the Angel Elias is here, and he bids me declare to this assembly, that he is commission'd to declare, that soon there will be a feast prepar'd, for the inhabitants of this branch of the Zion of God upon earth, and I call on all to make themselves ready and fitly prepar'd their souls to unite with the holy Angels and good spirits in the blessed enjoyment of this glorious feast. ——— I see the heavens open'd, and I see the strength and beauty with which God is preparing to clothe the Church with, which will enable her to strip off all her useless garments, and run for the prize, and press forward eagerly, and with increasing energy to gain all that is needfull for her preparation to receive the increase of God in this glorious feast of Love Joy and Comfort which is promis'd by the Angel. ———
——— There is now a present offer'd by our blessed Mothers own hand. It is a beautiful golden plate, whereon is engrav'd

divine Songs and anthems, there is one for each individual, above 18, and if there is any who are not gifted in learning their songs and Anthems off their plates, they may give them to some one who is and they may learn them from them. On the reception of this gift of plates; Elder Jn° Remark'd, that when he was at Wisdoms Valley in 1833 it was then declar'd, that there should be able instru-ments rais'd in the West, who should gain an excellent gift in getting a great number of beautifull Songs, and anthems, and this vision of the engrav'd plates put him in remembrance of it.——— ——————— The meeting continues with great and increas-ing power. Many of the young people voluntarily came forward and asked the help and blessing of the Ministry Elders and brethren and Sisters, in a most sincere and feeling manner, they discharg'd that duty in such a manner, as to impress every one present with satisfactory evidence of devotedness of soul and sound integrity of purpose.——————— A company of holy Angels receiv'd us when we came into meeting, and were seen blowing up the fire, Kindled in the aisle, and they had for some time before been engag'd in blowing up the embers. And from them and from all the holy Angels, and Kind spirits, that have visited us from heaven, there is a strong call, on all the inhabitants of the Zion of God upon earth, to double their diligence, and spare no pains or industry, in preparing to receive such souls, as are now wak'd and waking up, in this world, thro' the labors, and intercession of the many Angels of conviction, who are abroad on the earth, discharging their several duties, in that part of the work of God. This instrument also bore witness to the truth of the feast which was preparing for the Zion of God, and further adds, that there is but one acceptable way for any one to prepare for the feast, and that is to be fully and finally reconcil'd to the gifts and Order of God. And if there be any unreconciliation

it must surely be put away in order, the least and last remains of it, for no one can be ever able to enjoy that glorious feast of Love, Joy and comfort, but him or her, that is fully, wholly and perfectly sunk down into unequivocal reconciliation to the holy Order of God, in all its parts, without reserve, devoted to eternal obedience, this is the united testimony of all the holy Angels and good Spirits, touching this matter.

An aged brother observ'd towards the close of the meeting, that when he first came into meeting, he felt a strong current of thankfulness rolling thro' his soul, and he felt as if there was a strong stream of it running thro' the house, and thro' the whole Zion of God in this place, for the blessing which had had been so bountifully bestowed upon us. A universal feeling pervaded the house, of humility and simplicity, and the whole body from a simultanious impulse Kneel'd down before God and implor'd a continuation of his protection.....

..... The Young requested, again and again, to be help'd in their resolutions, and pray'd that they might Keep pace with the work of God, and not be left behind, they promis'd they would give up their Idols, and Zealously strive to gain, and keep a living relation to the gospel. .....

Family Meeting. Centre House. Sabbath Evening, Augst 30th | 46

At singing meeting this evening there was a proposition made to go out, and eat of the fruit of the spiritual tree which the Angels planted in front of the house. This was accordingly done, from thence the family went to the pool, and wash'd and bath'd therein to their comfort and edifications. On their return, they call'd again and eat more of the fruit of the before mention'd tree. While they were there Mother came, and gave them the following counsel thro' an instrument, (✓) .....

Mother says" Dear Children you have often been taught, that a broken and a contrite spirit is acceiptible to God. And again Dear Children remember, when trials afflictions and tribulation is allow'd to visit You, and Your souls are tried and prov'd by an experience in grief and sorrow, then I warn you to remember that the only safe and good way, is to sink down immediately into a reconcil'd Spirit and union with the gift. This indeed is the only rational mode of finding relief. It is not by find-ing fault and complaining and grumbling that you can find releasement, but the true secret of a quiet and contented mind is ever found in true and genuine reconciliation from the heart to the gift of God. I speak this dear Children because there are some here who suffer for not knowing or not heeding this caution, and as I wish all my children to be happy and comfortable, I give you this counsel in the hope that it will be usefull to you. ——— After this the assembly retir'd into the meeting room, and a lively dance open'd the way for the power of God, to come in amongst the people, and it was beautifully display'd for about an hour, during which time the follow-ing communications were deliver'd by the inspir'd ones. ——— "I feel" says one, "That Love which seperates the soul from all evil; that Love which cements and binds the souls of the faith-full in one solid band of holy Love and peace. ———

——— "Another says," "Almighty Angel has conven'd with us this night, and has in his hand a large roll, and on one side is written Judgment and on the other is written Mercy. And the Angel states that the end to be answer'd by the roll is as followeth (viz) That all who will this night cov-enant and agree with him, and consciencously promise to Keep the Order of God from this time henceforth and forever

may have their names recorded on the roll, by requesting their names to be plaicd there. In order to which each individual so covenanting, must pronounce his or her name distinctly, and re-quest it there to be recorded, and it shall be done. And it is to be further understood, that all who sign the roll, shall put away all wrong in their Knowledge, and bring every evil thing to light in the order of God. You says the Angel there is now a seperating line to be drawn between the precious and the vile, between the evil and the good, for this is indeed the dawning of a great day - the great day of God Almighty - And this is a most solemn gift. The Angel continues - O the solemn records that are now made in the heavens; this is an awful fact, and cannot be any longer hidden; there are some here that would now al-most be petrified if they could see as I see, the records there laid up, and that will remain. See to it that ye put not your names on this roll without making a full and perfect sacrafice of all Your self will, and all your besetting evils, and bring yourselves into full and perfect obedience to the Order of God, and into a true spirit of reconciliation. O may let no one presume to put his or her name on this roll without a full determination to submit to obedience to the order of God; nothing will do any longer but such a character as will fully stand for a sound and faithful believer. The holy Angel will bear this sacred roll into the heavens, with Mercy and judgment engrav'd on its sides; And he says what manner of people should You be, when you consider, that for thousands of Years, souls have pray'd for salvation and redemption from a lost nature; for that gospel which will save the soul, and now at last they are waked up, and have a privelege of coming and uniting with You to receive the crown of Salvation. Therefore now consid-er what a weighty and Solemn responsibility rests on the Zion

of God at this time. The holy Anointing of God must be reverenc'd and obey'd; there must no vain and unprofitable language but Your communications must be pure, and every word and action weigh'd in a balance of just judgment. The searcher of hearts is working in this place, and he will straighten the path, untill it is perfectly straight, Yea straight as straightness and in this path shall Zions children learn to walk, and in no other. This is the work of the day, and it is a fearfull day and a fearfull dispensation. A Candle is in his hand and every ones ingoings and outgoings are perfectly seen, and every thought and intent of the heart perfectly comprehended, and its ultimate tendency fully understood.—

——————— The presence of the Angel was also testified to by another instrument who stated that she seen the Angel and the roll, and seen the Angel when he sign'd the names to the roll, and she said that while he was doing it, the fear of God Spread over the people like a mantle, and completely cover'd them.——— Mother Ann now came in, with something having resemblance to a sheet, and out of this sheet she scatter'd over the assembly that which had the appearance of fire, which was the fire of God, and whoever quietly abides under its influence, shall not stray from the narrow path of safety, but they shall be preserv'd in the gift of God, and shall be able to Keep their covenant with the Angel. ———————

Family Meeting. First family. Sept. 6th. 1845. Saturday Evening.——— In the course of this meeting Elder Gr° open'd some matters relating to the Church with great clearness, plainness and precission, but the subject matter of which is not necessarily embodied in this work. Suffice it to say

Our meeting was solemn close and searching, calculated to cause a close investigation of individual Character, and at the close we were informd that on tomorrow, that is to say on the 6th day of September 1846. Sabbath, should be set apart for a holy Convocation unto the Lord, for all the inhabitants of Union Village to afflict their Souls, fasting and praying, and abstaining from the flesh of animals, and eating that only which pertains to the vegatable Kingdom. Peculiar Order of the day"
"Rise in the morning at 4. Attend in the meeting room at 5,
"bowing twice as You enter; repeating the following words", "O Lord
"Make me see my Condition before it be too late". " After assembling
"Kneel down in ranks, in the lowest posture of humiliation;
"When we rise sing a solemn hymn or anthem, then retire to our
"rooms, and sit quietly thro' the day. No talk in the Halls thro'
"the day above a low whisper. In the course of the day, each indi-
-"vidual shall attend in the Elders room, as call'd, and there open in simplicity and in sincerity the true state of their minds to the very best of memory and understanding; confessing every impropriety of conduct, all breaches of order, and every disor-
-derly communication, or insinuation within their Know-
-ledge. Also they shall answer all questions which may be put to them by the Elders, touching all and every thing within
-in their Knowledge. Again each individual shall in their rooms Kneel 5 minutes, and then pray for ability to fulfill faithfully the various duties of the day ac-
-cording to the mind and will of God, and to his accep-
-tance. This shall be repeated every two hours thro' the day, beginning at 7 in the morning, and ending at 7 in the Evening. At 7 in the Evening return to the Meeting room and be prepard for any gift that may be felt in order.

Saturday Evening. Family meeting. Sep 12th 1846 ——
—— Elder Brother Eli opend meeting with the solemn
· Enquiry, whether this body of people at Union Village, were at this time in a suitable state of preparation, to receive the children of this world, and minister unto them, the true Spirit and power of Mothers gospel by words and actions. He said according to all that had been promis'd for several Years, it was reasonable to expect that it could not be long before there would be a harvest from the labors of the Angels of conviction which had been sent into the world; that they would faithfully do their work, and fit souls for the further increase of their faith and obedience amongst Mothers children. And what will be our feelings, and how great our sufferings, if thro' our negligence, and want of true devotedness to the cause, such souls, instead of finding faith and obedience here, should find stumbling blocks, over which they would fall, and fail of gaining eternal Life and salvation. This to him and to all good believers, is an awfull and weighty consideration. It does surely stand each individual in hand, to examine closely there standing and see to it, that their Lamps are trimm'd and burning, that they do from day to day, bear the fruits of a Christian life, and discharge every duty, keeping every order, and standing fully and fairly in the light, as souls who had indeed forsaken all for the Kingdom of heavens sake. ——
—— Soon after meeting comminc'd it was declar'd by an instrument that all the mighty host of Angels, which had been with us for the last week, had now assembled with us, and they desire us to be living souls in the work of God. They do not wish to see souls assembling here dead and lifeless, stupid and careless, but their gift is to search out and assist the Ministry and Elders in searching out, and purging out the unfaithfull and slothful servants, who are not a blessing

blessing to the body, but a dead and useless weight, standing in the way of those who are yet in the world, and whose faithfull and devoted spirits are worthy of a home in Zion, all such will finally have to find their union with the world, or shake off their sloth indolence and indifference, and come down into the work of mortification, and put away their sins; finding true Godly sorrow and repentance for the long abuse of their privelege among the people of God, and they will indeed have to gain a spirit of supplication, and make honest and sincere confession for the wrongs they have done, and which they know they have never brot to light. ——————————

—————— In addition to the above mention'd company of Angels there is one has presented himself here to night, and his word to the Zion of God in this place is, "Dear Children be encourag'd for the time is near at hand when the cloud of obstruction to the free flow of the beautiful gifts of God shall be remov'd, and You will not have to labor so hard as You do now and have done for a long time to gain the power of God. Nay verily You shall come to meeting, and you shall be united together in your spirits and shall be resign'd to the gifts and order of God, and light, power and beautiful gifts shall flow in amongst you, and strengthen and bless you to your souls comfort. But first Zion must be purg'd of her dead weights, that now weigh her down, and fill her with tribulation grief and sorrow, this must be done, and it will be done, and in proportion as the inhabitants of Zion cleanse her from her pollutions, and drive away the wicked spirits, which are cover'd and hid from the light, shall she come into the holy sanctuary, and find freedom and simplicity, and the power of God to bless their souls and fill them with good, Yea they shall feel the invigorating influence of the holy spirit, to strengthen and fortify them against the approach of all their enemies

and overcoming power shall be felt, and Zion shall be strong in the strength of God who watcheth over her for her good, and chasteneth her to increase her blessing. ——————————

—— There seems to be wanting in the Children of Zion, an inter-ested feeling, a want of a right stimulus, if this was gain'd the body would spring into life, and the increase that is for us would flow into us and strengthen and bless us. A united recon-ciled and fully resign'd spirit to all the counsel and advice of the leaders in Zion would fill the body with great power, and the blessing of heaven would flow in and fill every vessel as full as it had capacity to receive, but for want of this many are barren and dry and do not receive any blessing themselves or minister any thing good to their brethren and Sisters. O how sweet and easy would every thing go if every spirit in the house would pull one way and the right way, it would make a paradise of God upon earth; and this will be the case as soon as every gift is Kept, and a spirit of true resignation fills the heart. It has not enter'd into the heart of man to conceive of the good that would be deriv'd to the soul if all would observe to Keep the gift and order of God; to Keep the tongue bridled, to settle it at once when a gift or order is minister'd, to Keep it, to come into it instantly, this is the true way to gain the excellence and blessing of the gospel. ——————————

———— After the brother that spoke last had reliev'd his mind; Mother Ann and the Angels invited us kindly, to eat of the fruit of the tree of Life, which is standing in the aisle, and send part of it to the Pleasant Hill Ministry, (who had anin'd and were at the Office,) So we pull'd of the fruit, and did eat, and were joyfull and happy, the meeting was lively, animating and instructive, and great freedom and simplicity was gain'd among the brethren and Sisters, and in that sense and feeling

The meeting clos'd.

Church Meeting _____ Sabbath ___ Septr 13th 1846 _____
_____ After the Anthem was sung," Elder Bro. Eli
remark'd" That he felt thankful for the day he liv'd in, that
his lot in time had fallen in this dispensation, He said
it had been seen by the Prophets of old, and by them been spo-
-ken of, that a time should come "When the wolf should dwell
with the Lamb, and the Leopard should lie down with the
Kid, and the calf and the Young Lion, and the fatling to-
-gether, and a little child should lead them. This," said
he" was the day when those things were to be fulfill'd, and
they are now acting before us, and nothing in this day can
lead but the meek and child like spirit. He then express'd
his pleasure in the Company of the Beloved Ministry from
Pleasant Hill (who were present) and the whole assembly
united in giving them a hearty welcome. Way being
open'd for them to give out the Love from our gospel friends
at the South, they gave us the Love of all Mothers good chil-
dren at Pleasant Hill, and they said while they were giving
out the Love, they were inform'd by an instrument, that
there was a large band of holy Angels present who wish'd
there Love to be brought along also, accordingly they bestow'd
bountifully upon us a rich supply of precious love ____
_____ Many inspir'd ones testified to the presence
of a large Company of holy Angels, and they wish it to be
understood, that they have come loaded with Love and
blessing from the heavens, and altho' there is at this time
a work amongst this people as of a consuming fire, Yet
all may receive of this strength and power which they have
brought if they wish it, but if there are any who do not feel
the need of it, they boldly testify, that such will not be likely
to stand the burning fire of Zion much longer.

—— The holy Angels say "if the brethren and sisters will mix up their Love, freedom and simplicity and distribute liberally all around among one another, they will better sense and feel how much they have. If it circulates freely amongst all, You will be able to sense and feel it in a more particular manner, and feel a fuller sense of the blessed gift sent from your heavenly Parents.——
———— While we were engaged in this exercise, the Angels also united with us, and increased the flow of good in a surpri-
-sing manner. ——— One now testified "that she saw a large bowl, and it was fill'd full of Mothers Love for the brethren and Sisters, and all that wish'd should have a share. ———
———— One holy Angel now says " Dear Children be not discouraged, tho' you feel the fire growing hotter and hotter, for the more violent it burns the sooner will the dross be destroyed. ———
—— Bro. Andrew Houston now appear'd having two beautifull boxes fill'd with Mothers Love, one is for the brethren and the other for the Sisters, and it is given to the Ministry to distribute the contents Equally. ——— Father David and Mother Ruth now came in and brought a box fill'd with Love and Self denial, and it is for all who wish to receive it. ——— Father James also came in and brought four boxes filled with heavenly Love and sweet consolation, and these were given to the Pleasant Hill Min-
-istry and they were entrusted with the distribution of them amongst the people. He also had a beautiful branch from the tree of Comfort and heavenly Love. The Ministry also-
receiv'd and divided this present. This branch is to be sha-
ken over all the assembly, and after this is done, the branch will be again fill'd, with heavenly Love and sweet comfort and they are then to take it home, and shake it over the good Children there, and they may gather it as it falls from the branch. ——— Another large company of holy Angels

came from Mother bringing Dove from the heavens, and they deliver it by turning swiftly round, and we were directed to recieve it in the same manner, and so we did receive it by turning swiftly, as a Sign that we Would turn swiftly away from evil, and be diligent in gathering goods. ——— In this meeting there was a great display of the gifts and power of God, many spake their feelings, and their Love to the way of God, others were full, and all could unite in bowing four times in thankfulness to God, for the everlasting Gospel, and for the special and particular notice and blessing for the present day.

— Chosen Square — Sept 20th 1846 — Sabbath ———
——— This day we went to the Chosen Square, Pleasant Hill Ministry, and some Young believers from White Water being present with us on a visit — We assembled in the Meeting house at ½ past 9. A.M. Elder John address'd the assembly, in a few appropriate remarks, after which a message was read, warning the unfaithfull and encouraging the sincere and honest. We then Kneel'd down and pray'd for the mercy of God, for his protection notice and blessing thro' the Service of the present day and thro' all time. — We then form'd and march'd to sound of the Singers; when part of the way there we stop'd to blow on our trumpets and were inform'd, that there was an innumerable company of holy Angels seen coming from every quarter to assemble with us. Such a Company as to number had rarely been seen. — Previous to our leaving the meeting house an instrument announc'd the presence of the holy Saviour, and that he intended attending with us at the Square. — When we arriv'd at the gate of the enclosure, it was testified that there was a pool on either Side of the gate, in which it was the privelege of all to wash and bathe and cleanse themselves before they enter'd into the Square. This ceremony being

complied with, we march'd into the Square, and assembled around the Sacred fountain in the midst, here we were inform'd, that Father and Mother had come, and desir'd us to be free and alive in the work of God. ——— Elder Jn° obser'd that as there was no law against Love, we might exercise some in the quick manner, and labor to gain an increase of the blessed gift of Love. The Holy Savior now gave us his Love to strengthen and cheer us, and we were inform'd that the glory of God filld the space round about, that this was but the morning of the great day, when the trumpet of God should begin to sound, and continue to sound, and call his sons from afar, and his daughters from the ends of the earth.

Thanks were express'd, that there is a communication open'd between this world and the world of Spirits. The Holy Angels assembled here from the east testify that the gift of inspiration is now here enough to fill every instrument full, and this is the day and dispensation when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and shall Call the wanderers home as stated in the above sentence. ——— It is desird that all who have the gift of inspiration might be ready and willing to exercise their gifts, and communicate freely whatever may be given to them for that purpose. — The gift of Love was seen descending upon the people in a wonderfull and uncommon manner. ———

——— The holy Savior says, Know ye not that it is written, "that when the Sons of God assembled together, Satan also appear'd amongst them", and be assur'd he is here now, and trying to bind and darken all he can. But the holy Savior says "I can minister strength enough to defeat all his purposes, and all who sincerely desire it will receive sufficient strength to enable them to avoid all his cunning, and to elude every artifice which his malice can invent. Who is willing to come up to the feast of the Lord, for now shall all needfull helps those be

freely given to support, protect and sustain every faithfull and devoted soul. ——— Being invited to wash in the pool that stands in the fountain we surrounded it and thankfully applied the cleans-
-ing waters. ——— ——— The voice of an inspir'd one, was now heard crying "Hear O Mothers Children, the voice of our Holy Father, Rejoice O rejoice for the Sun is rising in the midst of thee, for behold thou standest in the midst of a beautifull City, and in the South is a beautifull Vineyard, and in the North is the sweet valey of Love and who will not bow low to see the beauty of Zion. I see a large com-
-pany of Angels standing a little above the earth, and they declare that this is the beginning of the great day of God. Almighty as has been before stated. I am truly thankful for the privelege I enjoy, the plea-
-sures of this world pass suddenly away, but the delights of this work are as imperishable as eternity. And O just now I hear the holy harpers harping on their harps, the beautifull beautifull music. ——— Again another inspir'd one "Cries out, "The word of God to every one is to arise and shake, and be releas'd from all that is evil, for there is nothing more valuable than the inspiration of divine good, it is truly the gift of the most high God, and let us have it, there is nothing to hinder; Who now is afraid to testify their faith, who is now afraid to be on the side of God; O! it is not possible to express the feelings of the soul fill'd with the holy spirit of inspiration; the fear of man is nothing, the soul may be fill'd with it to overflowing, only hand the soul empty to God and he will fill it. O I see now the holy Angel of Power, he is now standing in the midst, and he says, "I have come to minister the power of God; Are you willing to receive it; I see the holy Angel of God, I see the souls of those who have receiv'd the gift of inspiration.

And now it is the gift of our heavenly Father and Mother that we bow three times with our faces to the earth, and then and then rise and blow three solemn blasts towards the four quarters of the earth;

and let the nations of the earth be awaken'd, and come to judgement, and they that keep back shall receive the reward which their works de-
-mand but they that hear harken and obey shall be filled to overflowing with the good things that the justice of God has in store for they that re-
ceive the truth in the true love of it. I feel a divine ministration of the gift of inspiration, an such an overflowing flow of the Spirit as Language cannot express, but I testify again that all may have a fulness of the true gift of resignation and reconciliation, if they will limber themselves, and come low and bend to the gifts of God. And now I Know the gift of God is that all may be perfectly free, to ask any thing they may need, and may love themselves low enough to ask their brethren for freedom, or Love or any or all other gifts which would strengthen and beautify Mothers Children. ——————
—————— At this time there was manifest and intense feeling, many crying out "My Mothers Love! I am full to overflowing! it makes me free, and simple, and a universal cry of "Peace on earth and good will to men" echo'd from all parts, with freedom and liberty to all souls, and the precious fruits of the spirit to all the souls of men.

Our blessed Mother now brot six bottles of wine, and some loaves of the bread of life, and all were invited those in the body, as well as those without; to eat and drink, and refresh their weary spirits, there being plenty for all; and a place was appointed for the fragments, that the poor and needy might find their share of the blessing. It was all safely deposited in a stone house built near the gate for the purpose. There was also trees hanging full of delicious fruit, found stretching their branches over us, and plenty within reach, for all who wish'd to pluck and eat. —————— We bow'd our faces to the Earth, and turn'd our bodies facing the East, in token of reverence and thankfulness to those who had faith-
-fully Kept the gospel for us, and had sent it to us, and promis'd to Keep it pure and holy to the end of our earthly pilgrimage.

After all that has been related took place, we had an intermission of haf an hour. Then assembling again we sang and dane'd a few songs, delivered a couple of short Sectures to the Spectators, and then drank and wash'd in the pool, sent our Love to Pleasant Hill and to White Water, and then return'd home, having been absent about 5 hours.

Family Meeting. Centre House. Sept 27th. 1846. ——— This morning in our meeting in the first family we were inform'd that there was a large company of the aged holy Prophets had assembled with us, and they declar'd that judgment was set in truth and righteousness, and if all would be honest to bring every evil in their Knowledge, to the light in the proper order of God, they should find a great blessing to day in this Meeting. The Prophets declar'd that the Angels who dwelt in the Sanctuary, had cleans'd it, and if evil is now by any means introduc'd into the sanctuary, some individual must introduce it there, for there is no other way by which it can be.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Sept 27th 1846 ——— After the customary introductory anthem was sung Elder Bro. Obser'd that we were again blessed with another opportunity of meeting again to offer ourselves as a sacrafice to god, to be passive as Clay in the hands of the Potter to be moulded and form'd into whatever shape and form his Wisdom may direct having no will of our own, but that which it is our faith and privelege, to subject in all things, to the visible lead in Zion. And what has laid us under a still heavier obli-

to obedience is the fact, that we are still permitted by his gracious Providence to meet undisturb'd by those without, and as doubtless much has been and is yet given to us, much also will be requir'd at our hands. And more especially we are this day made to rejoice in the company of our good gospel friends from South Union, whom we unitedly make welcome, cordially welcome to whatever we have that is good. And the brethren and Sisters being invited to be free they gave us the Kind Love of the brethren and sisters at S. Union and Pleasant Hill. ——— This introductory ceremony being tho' with, We were inform'd that there had been a tree planted in the Holy Sanctuary at the West end of the Aisle, and that the desire of the holy Angel is that the brethren and Sisters, dance a quick song in order to receive the blessing that is flowing from the tree. The tree is planted here in order that the leaves and fruit of it, may heal and strengthen the honest soul, and to minister blessing, joy and Comfort to all who are prepar'd to be bless'd in their obedience to the Lord as manifest in his holy and divine Order. ———

——— It is testified that there are many Angels assembled here with us, in order to partake with us of the blessing that is prepar'd for us by the Angels who dwell in the holy Sanctuary, who have clean'd the Sanctuary and have diligently prepar'd many precious gifts of God, for all who have clean hands and pure hearts. ———

——— Father David and Mother Ruth are also present and wish their Kind Love to be given to South Union brethren and Sisters. Also Mother Ann is present and desires her Kind Love to be given to them. ———

——— The Angels of Peace have again met with us and have brought abundance of Love to all who are here; they say there is a great feeling of Liberty, Love and blessing, sent from the heavens to Mothers Children in this place. The Angels say there is, patience, forbearance, simplicity, mortification

and almost every good and perfect gift, and there is freedom for every individual present, to ask for that which they feel they most need, and if they are in a state prepar'd to receive it they shall. After recieving this gift all bow'd in solemn thankfulness for the blessing. ——— It is the desire of our heavenly Parents, that all who have recein'd the blessing lately offer'd should labor a quick song, and while they are in that labor they will cast on their Love, and then that there may be a miseture and distribution of all the good that has been recein'd amongst all, that there may be a fullness felt in all present and that none go away empty, or without feeling themselves kindly notic'd, and possessing a real share of the heavenly good that has been so bountifully minister'd. ——— ——— At this time the presence of a large company of the holy Prophets again arriv'd amongst us, and they desired that we would receive their Kind Love, and also they presented the Love of the Holy Savior as an additional blessing. ——— ——— Eldress Betsy, came in about this time and ministerd much good among the children, appropriating the gifts wisely according to the necessity of the case. And now the presence of the holy Saviour is announc'd, and he has brought a present of fine, for all who feel that they need an increase of that purifying article. ——— Father David and Mother Ruth, now presented a basket each, fill'd, with a beautifull Brown, and also a beautifull robe, which they intend for each faithful Son and daughter who wishes to be in possession of such a gift from their hands. On the reception of the beautifull present we all bow'd in humiliation and thankfullness. ——— Elder Peter now came in, and Kindly recommended us to be economical and carefull of the many rich presents and good things we recein'd. He said we were

taught to be prudent and carefull in regard to our temporal things, and how much more important is our Spiritual treasure as being of the first and primary consideration, and of which to, the time was fast approaching wherein we would stand in need of all our Stock of Spiritual Strength. ——————

—— The holy Prophets now roll'd out their Love and strength to us and took their leave, and we bow'd in sincere thankfulness for their Kindness, and for the Kind notice of our heavenly Parents, and of all the good Angels and Kind Spirits who had this day minister'd strength and consolation to Mothers Children.

Our Meeting clos'd.

Family Meeting —— Centre House —— Oct 3rd 1846 ——

—— —— —— Saturday Evening —— This evening there was a little Book presented to the South Union Elders to be taken home with them, and to be read there by the instrument of their choice. And also at the same time two little boxes were given them, which contain'd Mothers Love for them to carry home with them. ——————

—— A band of holy Angels met with us this evening, and were seen bowing in thankfulness for the precious gifts of God, that were sent here for Mothers children in this place. Elder Bro. recommended that we unite with them in bowing in thankfullness, which was accordingly done. The Meeting was uncommonly solemn, and edifying; many declaring that the flow of blessing, Love and strength which flow'd from the heavens, and fill'd the souls of the faithful with joy and thankfulness was beyond what they had experienc'd for a long time.

Meeting clos'd.

Chosen Square ——— Sabbath ——— Oct 4th 1846 ———
——————— The whole Society in company with the South Union Visitors, and a number of Young believers from Watervliet, met at ½ past 9. a.m. in the Meeting house in order to assemble at the Chosen Square. ———
——— After singing an Anthem; Elder Bro. Eli remark'd, that he could not help feeling a glow of thankfulness passing thro' his soul for the sight his eyes had seen, and for the words his ears had heard this morning. To see united with us so many of Mothers good children from distant places, and to think of the indulgent favor and Kindness of our heavenly Parents, and of our eternal Father, who still vouchsaves to us the blessing of assembling ourselves together without being disturb'd or harras'd by the wicked and unfeeling world around us. He also call'd to mind, and call'd on all to remember and compare our condition, (assembling peaceably as we did, under our own figtree and vine, and none to mare our peace, or make us afraid,) with the saints of God in former times when they suffer'd all Kinds of hardships and persecutions from the hands of the wicked, having to hide in caves, seperated from one another, being put to the rack, sawn assunder, and suffering all Kinds of inhuman torture and pain, merely because they were faithfull and true to do their duty; their good name traduc'd, and all manner of evil spoken of them falsely for the gospels sake, and because they maintain'd the truth in sincerity, and prov'd that sincerity by their daily actions.
——————— While in the Sanctuary assembled; It was declar'd by an instrument that there was a great number of holy Spirits came to unite with us to day who had once liv'd on this very ground, amongst which were Francis White and Stephen Williams. ——— By another instrument it was annoran'd that the holy Savior was present, and intended to be with us thro' the day. He says he wishes all to go forward in the worship of God

in freedom and simplicity thro' the solemnities of the present meet-
-ing, and declares there is nothing in the way of any soul, if they
have Kept an approving conscience, and if they will devote themse-
selves without reserve to the worship, ways and work of God. ——
—— It was also declar'd that there was two large bands of holy
Angels who have just now enter'd the holy Sanctuary to bring the holy
and blessed gifts of God, and to go with and unite with us, on the con-
-secrated ground at Jehovah's Chosen Square. ——————
—— And while we were yet in the Sanctuary Mother Ann also
came into meeting, to see us, and be with us, to watch over us for good
and to minister unto us, that which she might see we needed. — — —
—— There also came four hundred Angels, from the holy city to unite
with us, and when they came in, they gave three mild shouts to begin
their acquaintance with us, with which we cordially united. — — —
—— —— These ceremonies having been attended to, we commen-
-ced our March to the Square, in form and manner as usual. When
we got to the gate, and had wash'd, and bath'd in the purifying waters,
which are plac'd there for that purpose, a holy Angel appear'd and spake
as followeth, viz, I am a holy Angel sent from the throne of God to
warn this people previous to their entering thro' this gate, on the con-
-secrated ground, set apart and appropriated to the worship of
the living and true God of heaven, and let every soul tremble and
fear before me, for I will not wink at iniquity in Jacob, nor
backsliding in Israel. I charge and solemnly warn, that no one
to attempt to come within this sacred inclosure, or to set foot
on this holy ground, with any sin cover'd, or any thing evil that is
Knowingly kept back from the Knowledge of the holy annointed
in Zion, or that is not honestly open'd in order. Again I say
if any one shall presumptuously attempt to claim the blessings
which are laid up in store, on this ground for the faithfull,
Knowing and intentionly meaning to deceive and cover

iniquity, or regard iniquity in their hearts, and wish to conceal it, the judgments of Almighty God, and the withering blast of his displea-sure shall surely suddenly overtake them, and swift judgment shall come against them, and they shall in no wise escape. It would be better that such a soul had not been born, than that they should thus go into this holy place deceitfully covering the wrongs and abomina-tions they have committed. But again there are many within the sound of my voice, who have had but a short privelege amongst the people of God, and are indeed Young in faith and understanding and have had but little opportunity to release their souls from the bondage of sin; and if such should think of something which they have not yet open'd, yet if they intend in their hearts, honestly to open it the first chance they have; let such go forth on to this holy & consecrated ground fearlessly and in full confidence, and innocent freedom, and in their honesty and simplicity of soul, they shall find the promis'd blessing of God, and their souls shall be fill'd, Yea to overflowing shall they feel the outpouring of the Spirit of Love and peace. But let no unjustified soul attempt to pass thro' the gate by any means, for truly they that think to hide from Gods visible Order, and keep secret their counsel, can never make unto God an acceptable offering, or feel in their souls the reward of the faithfull. The word of the Angel is ended. ——————————

—————— When we had march'd into the Square, and up to the fountain, Elder Jn° said that this holy fountain commu-nicated with the centre of influence in the Eternal world, and the blessed contents of the holy fountain if partaken of in faith, it would cleanse and purify the soul, and fit it for the reception of good. ——

—————— It was now announc'd by an instrument that there was a company of Angels come in who constituted a concert of mu-sic, and they stated; that it was the desire of our heavenly Parents that we unite in dancing to their music, as they say they are fully

able to supply the company with good music without any help from any of our voices. ——— It was announc'd by a general and universal consent of all present that there was an uncommon display of the heavenly gifts of God on the ground this day, and by the attending Angels, thro' the instruments, every one was invited to aske for whatever they needed most, and it should be freely given them, Yea to all who would ask in faith nothing doubting, shall be freely given the beautifull gifts of God; they are as free as air, and the Angels are glad to see them in use, and appropriated to the benefit and blessing of Mothers Children. ———

——— It was testified that on our journey here there was seen a large band of Angels who met us on the road, and accompanied us on untill we reach'd the holy Square, and they are now with us, and they desire us to unite with them, in sounding on our trumpets to wake up the sleeping nations of the earth, that they may be prepar'd to receive the gospel of eternal life; they also brot the gift and power of God for all prepard Souls to receive, and said that they would give to all a portion; they also brot from New Lebanon a large amount of Love and blessing. This testimony was immediately corroborated by another instrument, who declar'd he saw the same vision and that the gift was, that all souls might be gather'd into the fold and be sav'd. These Angels reported themselves as missionaries sent from the throne of heaven, to wake up the nations; and had call'd on their way to unite with us a few minutes in this branch of Zion. According to the request of the Angels, we all united with them in blowing our trumpets four solemn blasts One to the East, one to the West, one to the South, and one to the North. In addition to this company there was also four hundred more Angels, call'd at the chosen Square, who for the same purpose were sent forth; and that in heaven they said they were even fitting out more, and clothing them, to scatter thro' the world

the whole world the doctrines and faith of the true Chh of God, and they add, there shall be yet gather'd from the world, hundreds and thousands of souls, and made fit for the masters use, by Crossbearing and Self denial. ——————————

—————— The united voice of the attending Angels now request us all to unite and labor a song of thanksgiving and joy because the darken'd and benighted children of this world are about to be offer'd, and to receive the blessed gospel of the holy Savior and Mother Ann, because the goodness and mercy of God will reach them with the holy gift of repentance, and they will become by their obedience and faithfulness rightfull heirs of the promis'd inheritance, with the just and good who have gone before them. —————— The voice of the holy Angels to the world of mankind is, "Come Come, all Come in welcome, and every one that will Come let him Come, and drink of the waters of life freely, for behold all things are now ready. This is the Language of the missionaries, Angels who are now on their way to preach deliverance to the captives chan'd in sin, and bound in iniquity to the ends of the Earth. ——

—————— O says an inspir'd instrument, I see the holy Angels bowing in thankfulness to Christ and Mother, and holy Saints of God who have gone before us, for the blessing which has been handed down to us, and which was purchas'd or won by their sufferings and faithfulness ——————

—————— Once more say the holy Angels, unite with us and blow one more blast from our trumpets, long and loud to the four quarters of the globe, and assist us to sound conviction to the souls of men, to the whole world, for but a little while, and You shall see the fruits of our labors, and all your houses shall be fill'd, and every vacant place, on all Your grounds shall be occupied by souls truly desirous to know, and do the will of God. ——

The holy Prophets are here many of them and they are glad to see the fulfillment this day and in this place of the things which they saw and foretold hundreds of years ago. They have brot unto us from the heavens the precious gift of charity, and they say all may partake for all need the gift, and they declare by inspiration, that the poor in spirit would come to Zion with weeping and with supplication, and they must be taken in, tho' they come in dirt and in rags, and poor, Yet over such must the mantle of Love be spread, this Love is what will save them and assist them, to overcome their evils and their corrupt natures, and must be exercis'd in sincerity and truth. Yea, and all Zions children must remember this and extend charity to those who will come, for there will indeed many come, and need your charity, and the full hand must be extended to them, and Zions children, must learn to do good to all and that freely and gladly. ——————— After this testimony of the holy Prophets Mother Ann desir'd the young people to come forward, and she would clothe them with a spirit of thankfullness for the gospel they had recev'd, She said She and the angels with her would give them a garment of thankfullness, and would enable them to exercise that spirit towards the aged, who had kept the gospel for them. Mother says it is the duty of the young to feel a spirit of Kindness and a degree of respectful reverence towards their aged brethren and Sisters who have born the fatigues of past days, and cheerfully labor'd thro' the heat and burden thereof, to transmit to their followers, and gospel heirs, the rich treasure of the way of God, pure and unspotted, thus infusing confidence, and leaving an example worthy of following. ——— The Adventist brethren and Sisters were now call'd forward their being a particular gift at that time for them; to receive a blessing of Love, and the brethren

and Sisters were desir'd to be hearty in bestowing their Love blessing and confidence upon them that they might feel it in pow-er, and they were requested to carry home a rich supplyy of the precious gifts of the day, and the Love of Mother and of all the holy Angels, and good Spirits that have assembled here to day. ——— One of the brethren now related a vision which he saw as he came to the Square this morning. ——— He said the holy Savior show'd him a gardener watering plants, and some of the plants had a covering over them, and the water was pour'd on all alike, those that were cover'd, and those that were uncover'd, but he obser'd that when those which had their covers on receiv'd the water, they were not benefitted by it, but all that was us'd on them seem'd lost, whereas those that were un-cover'd, when they received the water immediately grew and flourish'd. And the savior said such were some that were here, they had come up with a covering spirit, and when the blessing flow'd freely from the heavens they receiv'd nothing, whereas those that had come up free and open with no covering on them, were singularly and particularly bless'd, and they felt themselves happy and joyfull in the worship and work of God. ——— After an intermission of half an hour meeting again commenc'd and an instrument stated that she saw an Angel take a live coal from the Alter and touch the lips of the inspir'd ones, and at the same time directing them to speak fearlessly whatsoever they receiv'd. ——— The prophet Jeremiah is here and he says Rejoice Orjoice O Ye children of Zion, because You have receiv'd the holy word of God this day. He said he felt thankfull for the blessed gift of God that he felt this day This is the day said he that I prophecied of when I dwelt on the earth, and You have witness'd this day the outpourings

of the Spirit of God. Clothe yourselves my children with wisdom for the time will come, when you will need it, Mother Wisdom says it. O Children how meek and low and holy you should be, who are ministerd to day by day by the Angels of God. The Prophet continues "O bow low my dear children and humble your souls before your God, for you cannot now realise how impossible it is for you to feel how meek, humble and dependent you ought to be, for the particular and special notice of God and the holy Angels to you this day. You who have daily before you, and constantly in Your company the holy Angels of God, how you should devote yourselves to his service. ——————————

—————— One said "While in the assembly I saw just after our retirement and after we had stood round the pool a few minutes the following beautiful vision. I saw in a beautiful place a little North of East of the holy ground a spot resembling an open Court. In this place there were many beautiful trees of heaven, and angels were here also, praising and glorifying the God of heaven, the high and holy one. After some time our beloved Mother Ruth appear'd and said to the Angels present, what good thing shall we do for the beloved little ones from South Union that will be gladly receiv'd, and gratefully accepted of them? Shall we not send our best and everlasting Love home with them, and some of the sublime and heavenly gifts and fruits of this place?

To this the lovely Angels responded in the affirmative, and immediately the beautiful trees were gently shaken by a heavenly breeze, and the tremulous motion thus given to the leaves caus'd them to turn up their sides and edges alternately exhibiting to my view the most beautiful appearance. They presented all the bright and varied colors of the rainbow, mixed with a shining silvery whiteness altogether indiscribable. Presently

the fruit of the trees began to fall, and 2½ baskets of it was gather'd, and 2½ of the most holy Angels were commission'd by Mother Ruth to accompany our South Union friends home, carrying with them this blessed fruit, together with the Love of our blessed Mother, and all the holy Angels present in this beautifull place. Here they shall remain untill the 2½th of October, and on the evening of that day they shall deliver all they have in charge to the beloved Ministry at S. Union who if they feel union therewith can bestow it upon all the beloved Children belonging to their Chh. At this scene Mother Ruth will be present, and wave her Love over the Assembly and the holy Angels will unite in the same gift, and all will remain with the Chh untill the close of the next meeting, at which time they will depart. While they remain among You their influence shall be felt, and the work which they shall perform among Zions children shall be understood. ——————————————————

—————— At this meeting the power of God was manifest in a wonderfull manner, the inspir'd spake as they were mov'd by the Spirit of truth, and their communications, (of which this paper is only a meagre outline) show'd to all the living, that there was an energy and force of good, in the camp which it is rarely our privelege to experience. The singers now mov'd down towards the Spectators and sung a few appropriate Songs to them, and a few words were spoken to them in a kind and friendly manner and we again gather'd to the pool at the fountain, took some spiritual refreshment from the abundance that was there, and after sending our kindest and best Love to all Mothers good Children at South Union and also to White water, we commenc'd our march home, having been absent about 5 hours.

Sabbath Evening. First Family. Oct 4th 1846 ——————

—— —— —— —— At 6 o.clock this evening we met as usual to sing, and continued singing about an hour, Our good friends from South Union and White Water being present, as also our Ministry also attended the meeting. ——————

3 23. —— About 7 O. Clock an inspird instrument spoke as follows "Among other things for which I am thankfull in this great and "burning day is the consideration that the Holy Savior and Mo-"ther Ann, have just now extended around all who are present "a three fold Cord which was wound seven times around us, the "purpose of which is to draw into an inseperable band of Brothers "and Sisters the three societies of Union Village, South Union "and White Water. This announcement was receiv'd with ma-ny expressions of thankfulness by all concern'd. ——————

—— Shortly afterwards it was asked by the same instru-ment, who would be glad to receive fruit from the tree of meekness, to which a general answer in the house was found to be "I would", and immediately the little song was struck up, with great life and Spirit, "Fruit fruit Heavenly fruit" &c And dancing and ga-thering the fruit, was enter'd into with uncommon life & Zeal" the Ministry and all the visitors striking in with full force and union. —— As soon as this was thro' with, ano-

5 3 -ther instrument spake as follows," I declare unto You all that our ever blessed Mother hath plac'd her bow in the Cloud of Love which now pervades that part of the holy Sanctuary imme-diately over our heads, She has plac'd it here to signify that she has renew'd and establish'd her Covenant of pure and everlasting Love, with all her faithfull Children, who will renew their Zeal, to walk the narrow path, in which she hath plac'd their feet, beginning in the morning when we rise, and walk-ing thro' the day in the same, carefully & circumspectly.

Much joy and thanks were expres'd for this blessed sign of the renewal and ratifying the Covenant of our Mothers everlasting Love, and presently our Mother desir'd all the brethren and Sisters who were under sixty and over thirty, to join hand in hand, and send our Love to our good friends at South Union and White Water as an expression of this renewal of our Covenant with our good Mother. ——— ——— ——— ——— ———

——— We now sung and dane'd again with great freedom and simplicity, and shortly it was announc'd that the holy Angels were bowing before Mother, and we all united in this gift. All now seem'd to be perfect freedom Life and power, and a mighty flow of the power of God produc'd such general commotion and outcry that little can be written concerning it only that the Cry "Glory to God in the highest, on Earth Peace, to men good will," and innumerable expressions of thankfullness for the blessed day in which we live, together with expressions of freedom, and pure Love to one another &c &c sounded and resounded thro' the whole house for some time without the least intermission whatever altogether precluding the possibility of a regular orderly detail. ——— ——— ——— ———

——— After a cessation or momentary pause from this unusual outpouring sufficient to obtain an audience, another instrument (as voice for an Angel present said) "This is surely a day of freedom, and those who will not rise and vindicate the cause of Liberty, in their own behalf, shall have their ear nail'd to the door post, and remain bondsmen and bondswomen forever. ———

——— Upon this declaration all declar'd themselves uncompromising advocates of freedom and Liberty, and another scene of the astonishing outpouring of the power of God, again fell upon the people insomuch that no adequate description of it can be portray'd in this scrap of passing notice. ———

V. 4. Again an inspir'd instrument, exclaim'd "O brethren and sisters this is indeed the great day of God Almighty; Yea! the Lord Jehovah is in earnest with his people in and out of Zion. Surely there is not an Angel still in heaven, but all is commotion, both in heaven and upon earth. ——— And again, by 25. announc'd the presence of a number of the holy Prophets, among whom was Jeremiah, and many of the ancient inspir'd ones of ancient Israel, and they forthwith pour'd forth the Spirit of Prophecy on the inspir'd ones, insomuch that a correct account thereof could not be kept, there was so much, and on so many and various subjects. ——— 3. 4 Spake and said" The Chariots of heaven are in motion and in commotion, upon the Holy Mount passing and repassing to and fro swiftly, and they seem never to rest. Yea O! Brethren and Sisters, the whole heavens and earth are in swift commotion, and there is no place still! The number of Chariots sent on to the holy Mount and now playing before the Lord are twelve thousand, and they are sent for purposes of the great work in Zion at this time, and also to go on missionary duties thro' the Earth, subserving the great and mighty work therein at this time. ——— Another instrument then spake as follows "I unhesitatingly declare O dear Brethren and Sisters, that the greatest degree of the Spirit of prophecy is now pour'd out upon this people that I have ever witness'd, I cannot in any language that I can command delineate it, nay it seems to me that many tongues would entirely fail to express the glories which mines own eyes behold. It seems as if I seen the whole work of God upon earth for a thousands Years to come, and the whole scene passes before me in inconceivable velocity, so that I can give no reasonable description of any one thing seperate from the moving and stongly agitated whole. But I see the Angels in heaven passing and repassing each other swift as the

Lightning proclaiming to the Earth the Everlasting gospel, through their trumpets; Yea! they are sounding the solemn words of con-viction in the ears of the benighted inhabitants of the earth, and Crying "Peace on Earth Good will to man", Yea! and they shall hear and shall obey the voice which they hear, and come bending to the Children of Zion for the everlasting peace and salvation, which are to be found in her borders. Rejoice O Zion, for the ends of the earth shall be glad, and the Isles of the Sea shall clap their hands for joy; Singing "glory to God in the highest" On earth, Peace to men good will". — At this point of the Prophetic ectasy all signs of order was again lost sight of, All Leap'd and clap'd their hands; for the joy was unspeakable and full of glory; and again and again they repeated the halleluah, "Glory to God in the highest" Peace on earth, to man good will" &c &c All this time the Prophetic Speak-er held on his way at the top of his voice, but was not heard untill the "divine fury" calm'd down, at which time the Speaker was go-ing steadily on in the Persian Language tho', and of course not understood by the assembly, this continued some time, and finally closing in a beautiful inspir'd Anthem, begin ning in the Persian and ending in the English Language with the most sublime and heavenly tune; As the Anthem ended the Prophecy proceeded again," I see the Heavens and the Earth and the Angels on the earth, and in the heavens, O I see them as Eagles soaring thro' the heavens, with the evangelical tidings, to spread far and near, All is stir and commotion.

——— At this time V. L. was laying on the floor, and was heard learning a little song from the Angels, and soon she sang it loud enough to be caught by the singers, and when it was started up fresh from the heavens, in the very gift of divine inspiration, and sung by the singers in the same spirit, the ef fect on the assembly was almost like Electricity, All sprung

all sprung for the floor, and as the Music made the heavens ring, so the dancing shook the immense house we were collected in, as tho' an earthquake was moving it, again and again was the Sacred music call'd for, and again and again was the house shaken from end to end, by the exact and simultaneous movement in Keeping time with the soul stirring Song, beginning," Hail the day of Jubilee

Hail the day of Liberty, Holy Holy Holy &c finishing with an Elegant quick tune, as if the Angels had purposely pick'd it out for the occasion. For more than an hour the excitement from the ministering Angels, from the presence of the holy Prophets, and from the blessings deriv'd from our heavenly Parents, was intense, and continuous without intermission, and so sublime and heavenlike, that it seem'd sometimes, as tho the partition between the heavens and the earth was remov'd, to give the children a taste of the enchanting glories of the world of Spirits. ———————————————

——— A Young brother now propos'd to send the Love of all the Younger class by brother Ellis Cole to South Union, and another Bro. added "send it in these words "Hail the day of Jubilee &c &c, upon which Elder Jn° suggested the propriety of its being sent in a dance and recein'd in the same way, in accordance with which, the song was again struck up, and again all was Jubilee and joy unspeakable. All over sixty taking advantage of the times also sent their Love to that class at South Union in the same way. ——

——— Matters thus seem'd to draw gradically to a finish of the evenings service, and Elder Jn° obser'd that felt satisfied and thought we all might retire to our rest in a gift of God, Meeting having continued about three hours, and thought by some of the aged who were present to be the most remarkable meeting they had ever been in. ———

Monday Evening — Oct 5th 1846 — Family Meeting —
— Meeting commenc'd as usual, and after the hymn was sung, Elder Jn° obsen'd, that he felt a special and particular gift to bow in thankfulness for the many blessings a Kind Providence had bless'd us with, with which general union was express'd, and on our Knees we bow'd in sincere humility and thankfullness. — Imediately on our rising, an instrument said "that a band of Angels were present, and their commission was to minister a sincere spirit of thank-fulness to this body, in order that we might be ennabled to clothe our visiting friends from South Union and White Water with Love and peace, as they, (the Angels) say we should do all we could to bless and comfort them. —
— Many who seem'd to be baptis'd into the true spirit of thankfulness pray'd fervently that we might all so keep our faith, that if we should never meet again on the shores of time, that we might meet again in the world of Spirits, and there enjoy the sweet union of the spirit, and the true holy Love & affection which we now feel, with whatever increase it might please our heavenly Parents to allow us. O Yea! say all, let the spirit unite us perfectly and completely, whether at home or abroad, or wherever we may be, that the spirit of Gospel Love may continue to bind us in one strong band. —
— The shape of this meeting seems to show to all appearance that all are entirely devoted to labor for Love & thankfulness; there seems to be a very strong ministration or influx from the heavens, and all seem to desire, that their souls might be drawn out in prayer to God, to grant power to devote all to the gospel, and for strength of mind, to make cheer-fully any and all sacrafices which duty may demand. And all seem'd to pray earnestly to God, that we might be able to feel

able and anxious more sincerely to praise and magnify our holy Mother, who by her sufferings and faithfulness, has made it pos-sible for us to reach a heavenly state, by simple obedience to her counsel and directions, and to honor and reverence, all those who by her direction are placed in order, to protect us, and enable us to keep the way of God pure and holy. We owe every thing to Mother, without her help not one of us could this day stand here this day justified in the sight of God. ——————————

—————— At this juncture of time a new troop of Angels entered the meeting room with a precious jewel of Love, and in com-pany with them, or immediately after them came in Father David and Geo. Washington, and with them a large company of poor people who desired the gospel, and wish to find Salvation Father David and George wishes to know whether we are willing to receive them into our company. They are made welcome. —

—————— The voice of the Angels are heard praising God, and giving thanks, for the rich blessing which is pour'd out upon the people, they sing, they shout, and rejoice untill it seems as if the sounds of their music, and shouts of victory would pierce the very heavens. ——————————

—————— One says, O! that I had language to express the good-ness of God which is on this ground at this moment, how thankfull I would be, but language is wholly inadequate, and all I can say is, that the goodness, mercy, and long suf-fering of God towards his pure creature man is indeed wonderfull and beyond human expression. ——————————

—————— Another cries O Mothers holy children, how can You be still from praising the Lord, O praise the Lord in shouts, praise him by leaping, by dancing, and praise him in every breath You draw, and sing glory to his name, and sound a continual shout of holy praise unto God. ——————————

—— An instrument now solicits attention, and declares that our blessed Mother Ann and Mother Lucy are & have just now brót many small but beautifull trees that originally grew in the vicinity of the throne of God. From these trees they say, their good children may gather the fruit, which is Peace Love, and all the rich graces of heaven. And they may plant these trees, in good and honest soils, and they will grow and flourish, and continue to bear the lovely fruit such as they bear in the heavens from whence they came And again Mother says, there is a basket full of these little trees brót for Elder Bro. Samuel Shannon, and she says she wishes him to take them home, and plant them, and they shall grow, and flourish and bless the dear children at South Union. In the basket there is a tree for each brother and sister, and they may always pick from the trees the precious fruits, of Peace Love, and all the rich graces of heaven, and with this delightfull fruit, may Mothers good children always eat and be full, and be satisfied with the goodness of God. Mother says she has brót for her children many holy gifts, and the power of God enough to fill every soul untill they can hold no more. —— An instrument under the immediate influence of the power of God says "Remember saith the holy Prophet, this is your day to receive the gifts of God, and You must labor and gain them, and lay up a treasure while it is Your day, for soon you will have others to minister to, and You must be prepard to give to others of the blessed gifts, that it is your privelege now to receive, thus saith the holy Prophet Jeremiah. ——.

—— Mother Ann desires if it is in union with the beloved Ministry, that our good gospel friends from South Union may be baptis'd into the same Spirit, that reigns thro' this body to night, and that they may become full partakers of the blessed spirit of Joy Peace Love and thankfulness, which in such an overpowering manner pervades the assembly at this time, and in this particular meeting, and that

they may carry the same home to their people at South Union. And she says there is now present a band of holy Angels, who will accompany them home, and assist in administering the spirit of freedom and liberty which is here so bountifully bestow'd upon the Brethren and Sisters. And again there has just arriv'd in the Sanctuary six hundred more Angels whose business and mission is to go to and fro in the world, and prepare souls for the increase of the work of God in the earth, and also in the different Societies of believers; for they say there is yet a work of preparation necessary to be brought about in every Society in the Western Country, and they too will go to South Union, with the beloved brethren and sisters, and stand by them and assist them while they are ministering to the little flocks in that place. And again there has just now an Angel arriv'd with a Kind of a sack, or something that looks like a sack or Mail bag full of beautifull hymns, anthems and songs from the heavens, and this also is to be taken home with them, and carried safely to S. Union. And this budget or sack, is safely placed on the shoulders of Elder Samuel and Brother Ellis, and no evil Spirit shall be able to move it from its position. ——— ———

——— An instrument now testifies that there is a beautifull fountain open'd in the aisle, and that from it issues a bright and clear stream, the stream is a branch from the river of repentance and obedience, and it is plac'd here for the White water brethren and Sisters to wash and bathe in, and they may by using these waters be made clean and pure. It flows gently down the middle of the aisle, and all may use it freely, all may wash and bathe in it. This river of Obedience is a stream that flows from the fountain of Eternal Life having its origin near the throne of God, and flowing to all places where its healing and cleansing waters are needed by Mothers children. Mother says after the visiting brethren and Sisters have been sufficiently baptis'd in this stream, and they feel that the baptism of this water, leads them to the spirit of repentance

then their Elders must encourage them, and tell them that, tho' the first sensations will perhaps be attended with pain, as it will cause deep searching, yet as each one examines his own case, afterwards as they are faithfull to let repentance have its perfect work, they will find it will fill them with peace and comfort, and establish their souls in quietness and assurance forever. ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— The instrument now announces the arri-val of a holy Angel having a vial of the Anointing Oil, with which the Angels are anointed in heaven, and if in union with the beloved Ministry, it is desir'd that Elder John Eldress Sally Brother Lewis and Sister Naomi, may each receive a vial of this Anointing Oil. And it is the mind and will of the holy Angel, that Elder John take the Anointing Oil, and that he should pour it on the heads of Elder Samuel, and brother Ellis; and that Eldress Sally should also perform the same Kind Office for the good Sisters from S. Union.

The Angel now stands at the foot of the aisle, and will walk up the aisle, untill he is opposite Elder Samuel, where he now stands, and Elder John may now come forward and receive the oil for himself and his Bor. ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— The Angel gives — The instrument gives the character of the Angel thus, "He is a mighty and a terrible Angel his commission to the earth, is to minister conviction to the souls of men — His work is of such a Kind, that his spirit has to be able to do hard things, and yet be tender, he has to be hard and soft in his spirit. Part of his duty is to bind up the wounded soul and build up the broken hearted, to minister the searching proving gift, and also to minister consolation to the broken spirit, and peace to the humble mind. He says the anoint-ing which is for the South Union Ministry, shall fit and qualify them for their several duties, will make them able for all they will be call'd to do, they shall in their obedience always feel confidence

and strength according to the day. ——————————————
—————— While they were receiving the gift of the Anointing I saw a number of Angels come in, equal to the number of the brethren and sisters from White Water, and an Angel stood up before each brother and Sister and gave each of them a cup of cheering wine, and plac'd it upon their heads, and I heard the Angel say, this will ennable You to walk safely thro' time for the adversary is always angry, Yea, ferociously mad when he sees any good is to be given and gain'd. But this wine you must take, and when the dark hour and the hour of trial comes upon you, then by referring to this night, and to this present, you shall be able to keep yourself and the power of the evil one shall not be able to harm you. And when you go home you shall tell your elder Brother, that you have recev'd a cup of consolation, and a lamp of light shall shine before you, and make your path plain to be seen, and easy to walk in. The adversary will do all he can to destroy you, but strength and power shall be given you, to withstand him, and it shall be given you, even to each honest soul to walk straight forward, with safety and confidence in the path of Self denial. ——————————— At this time of the meeting there seem'd to be an universal outpouring of the Spirit Love and simplicity, and the whole body with hardly one exception, melted down on the floor, and like molten metal in a crucible gave way to the feelings of the heart, in a united burst of tumultuous joy and Child-like hilarity; Laughing and singing, and crying out "I am running over" and rolling and wallowing on the floor, apparently regardless of appearances, or of consequences for nearly or quite half an hour, on the brethrens side of the house, and the opposite side of the room, was not deficient in a similar display. The great man and the small man — the young believer and the veteran in the cause, the aged and the youth, lay along in an

undistinguishing mass of indescribable happiness, union and delight. ——— After a time however this state of things Subsided, and meeting went on in the usual manner, tho still lively and interesting. ——— An instrument announc'd the presence of an Angel, who just then came in, having in his hand a large bunch of Seals, and his business was to Seal each brother and Sister, with the Seal of Wisdom on his hand and in his heart that they might improve their gifts wisely, which the Kind Spirit of our heavenly Parents have minister'd to us. ——— ——— ——— Sung an hymn, And meeting clos'd ——— ———

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Oct 11th 1846 ——— ——— ——— ——— Meeting commenc'd as usual by singing an Anthem, after which Elder Bro. Eli remark'd, that we were indeed a poor, and needy, and dependent people, and it was our duty and privelege to labor for a thankfull Spirit, and to be alive and awake in the gift and power of God. He said that the young and middle aged class of believers should consider, that it was but a few years at most, untill they who now stand as leaders in the Order, would be laid asleep, having done their work; and that it must be expected, that the burden would fall on the shoulders of that class, and that they should be diligent to prepare themselves to stand as leaders of the People: they should be sincere and earnest to gain a living substance in themselves, in order that they might have whereof to minister, when hungry Souls would flock to Zion to learn the way to Eternal Life. ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— Immediately after Elder Brother spoke an instrument declar'd that she heard Mother speak the words spoken by Elder Brother, and that he spoke the same words precisely, and exactly, as Mother minister'd them.

——— The meeting became suddenly interesting by the gift of ministration from the heavens. Mother being present call'd many by name tho' an instrument ——— to stand forth in the midst of the congregation, and clap their hands in thankfullness, and give glory to God, and their blessed Mother, and they should find a great and special blessing; She will bless them, and cause them to feel it, and sense it in a manner they have not been us'd to. This call was to the middle aged and principly to those who had been paid here such as ——— ——— ——— ———

——— This gift was attended to particularly by those concern'd and the stimulus spread tho' with astonishing rapidity and effect. — All united and raised a universal cry of thanksgiving and praise to holy Mother, and all our first parents; the Sanctuary rung from end to end with the sounds of joy and gladness, and the unspeakably glorious manifestation of the gift and power of God which spread all around, and seem'd in a greater or less degree to influence every bosom. — ——— ——— ———

——— ——— One said he wanted all evil and all opposition to the work of God in his own soul to be burn'd in the fire Kindled in Zion for the destruction of the man of sin, he went on manifesting his feelings, and all united with him, and raised a continual shout of hatred and indignation against the flesh, and every other opposing influence and principle; they strip'd off their old garments of self love, and self righteousness, and self whole sale in its very propium or primary self-hood, and cast into the fire, by significant signs as if really committing them to material flames. All testifying freely and loudly, that they were ready to do anything and all things, and to suffer the loss of all things, to gain and Keep the blessing of God. They promised that they would suffer to be beaten with stripes, or to be burn'd, or to be sawn asunder

rather than betray their faith, or prove traitorous to their Mother. ——
—————— We all agreed, that the middle aged and younger classes would by faithfull obedience, gain and keep the ground that had been gain'd by the faithfull labors of the aged; and that they the aged should be honor'd, respected, and reverenc'd for the faithfull sufferings and labors, by which they had been enabled to keep the gospel pure, and transmit to us the genuine gospel of Mother, unmix'd with anything foreign to it, as it was first given by revelation from God. ——————————
———— At this time there was a banner suspended over us spangled as with dew drops of heaven, and from the banner was a distillation of strength for all in the house, and Mother advis'd us to gather the strength for our own use, saying we of the younger classes did not much realise the sufferings of those who had gone before us, but warn'd us that the time was near at hand when we would know by experience, what these sufferings were, but she wanted us all to be encourag'd, and to receive strength and be prepar'd to meet, the tribulation and difficulty which would overtake us. ———— The young were advised, that when they were strongly tempted, by the flesh or by the spirit of the world under any shape whatever, to lean and look for support on the strength which is in those who are before them in the work of God, and if they will do that, the promise is sure to them that no Devil can ever move or jostle them in their travel; they shall never be turn'd out of the way, but shall be enabled to stand firm and unshaken tho' the storms of time, and shall fill out their measure in peace, and finish their days in usefullness and to the acceptance of God and their heavenly Parents. ———— It was testified that the aged, and the middle aged, had stood firm and born the heat and burden of the day, and the young blessed

them and express'd their thankfullness to them, and they, the aged, receiv'd a promise from the attending Angels and good spirits, that they should be protected from evil and be ennabled to finish out their days to the acceptance of God. ——— ——— ——— Mother said, "I have often come to those of the middle aged, and who were mostly rais'd here, with the rod of correction, but I have now come to give them a blessing, and I intend them to feel it. ——— ——— About this time there came a large band of holy Angels to bring an increase of the gifts and power of God, and to bless the children of this place and to strengthen them in good. And the strength of the gift seem'd to be, to display an uncommon disposition to give glory and praise to Mother and our first Parents.

Almost every one united in loudly sounding again and again "Glory to Mother, and Glory to our first Parents", "who by their sufferings gave us the blessed gospel, and ennabled us to keep it, in sincerity and truth, and to stand here to day living monuments of their care and blessing. All ages and orders united and partook largely of the all pervading spirit of praise and thankfulness to those who had gone before and pav'd the way before our feet. ——— ——— ——— ——— Mother now has a present for us ——— She has brot staves of beauty and obedience whereon we may lean and be strengthen'd, when the hours of pain and tribulation come upon us. And also at the same time boxes fill'd with the holy fear of God, and she also cloth'd all with a Robe beautifull and strong to assist us in our journey, but she wants us all to remember that for the proper improvement of all these blessings, and strengthening influences she will hold us responsible in Eternity. ———

Church Meeting_____ Sabbath_____ Oct 18th 1846_____
_____ After singing an Anthem, Elder Bro. Eli obser'd,
"that we were again permitted by the mercy of God, to meet again in
"the holy Sanctuary, to make an offering unto our heavenly Father;
"and indeed unto all who were alive and awake in the increasing
"work of God, he could not but think, but they would believe with him
"that by the goodness, Kindness and mercy of God, we were laid under
"renewed obligations to obedience and faithfullness, in the con-
-sideration of Such mark'd and Special blessings which we were
"thus permitted to enjoy. And again he added, we are still
"more thankfull for the present privelege, on account of the
"pleasing reflection, that our beloved gospel friends from White
"Water are also conven'd with us, in order to worship God, and
"increase the union which already exists between us. We
"desir'd that they might feel free, and consider themselves at home
"and in their Fathers house, for we were all Children of one
"family, claiming but one holy Parentage, possessing but one
"holy faith, and by obedience to that one holy faith baptis'd into
"one holy Spirit._____ The brethren and
Sisters from White Water being made heartily welcome, to our
Village, proceeded to roll out the Love, sent by them, from their
brethren and sisters at home, which was cordially and thank-
-fully recein'd by the Church._____
_____ It was announc'd by an instrument, and
witnessed to by many, that there was a large assembly of the an-
-cient Prophets, and Saints of Israel in meeting with us to day,
in company with a great many holy Angels, who had come to
minister the blessed gift of God to every prepar'd Soul. One now
proclaim'd aloud that the Angels are now on the floor with us,
mingled all thro' amongst us, and have been dancing with
us for some time back. And another proclaims aloud, "There is

is an Angel come in, whose business it is, to bless and comfort the children that are here, and his power is great, he says his Love is from the most high God, and that it is the will of God, that the children here should not be slow, to bless our visiting brethren and sisters, but that they should minister blessing and Love to them gladly and freely, such as God had enrabled them to gain. And as we had been liberally bless'd with gifts from heaven, we ought on our parts be liberal also, and make them feel and Know that they are in deed and in truth part of Mothers family, and own'd as such, so long as they Keep in simple obedience to the precepts of the gosple. ——————— The ancient prophets declare and proclaim afar, that they have prophecied, in the dispensation going before, that there should be thousands gather'd into the fold, and they continue to prophecy the same in the present dispensation, and as a part of their prophcy has prov'd true, as it is witness'd at this day, so shall all the rest be fulfill'd in due time. Then say they, who shall not be glad, who shall not rejoice, that the great day foretold so long ago, is now at hand, and we are in it. And seeing we are thus partakers of the blessing of the promises made so long ago, who shall hereafter distrust God, and not now with full confidence, receive and believe the promises which are yet future, but which are as certain, as they which are now enjoy'd of the glorious promises before spoken of. Again the angels are dancing with us on the floor, and who is not thankfull for such a special notice from the holy ministers from heaven. ——————— One of the Advent brethren from White Water said " After strugling for many years to but little purpose, I am now thankfull that I have found the way of God. " He then went on to tell a dream he had last winter," "He said" he thought he was walking in the Streets of Cincinnati

where he liv'd, untill he suddenly found himself, among a number of strange people, whom he did not know. He was among his advent friends, in a meeting house, and these strange looking people came into the house, and sat down in the house on the floor, and there was in these people so perfect an appearance of happiness, and such a calm serene and placid a state of mind that he marvell'd greatly who and what this simple but interesting people could be. But knowing nothing at that time of believers, it pass'd away from him, and he never thought any more of it untill he seen the brethren and sisters of this order, and then he knew them to be the People, whom he had seen in his dream. Indeed I look back with thankfullness, and pleasure to see how a mercifull God has led me from step to step untill I stand here in his presence, justified in my Obedience to the faith I have receiv'd. I see difficulties before me, and I expect temptations, but I know exactly what I have to do, it is to conquer the world the flesh and the devil, and I have faith and assurance that with Gods help I shall be able to do it". —

—— —— —— An Advent Sister [illegible] Said "We progress'd in the advent work untill 43 and tho't we were the only people that would do as the Lord requir'd, and expected to see him litterally, and reign with him, but we did not know of the believers. We know now that God had a remnant, and kept them hidden that we seen them not, nor did we know them when we did see them. But O brethren and sisters, I rejoice in the blessed gospel day. We saw that all time was full, that God was doing a great work in the earth, but we did not understand it, We thought we should overcome the world, but had not yet overcome ourselves, but now we know the adversary of our souls, and know how to fight him to purpose.

We know that seven times had to pass over us, seven times of

afflictions and painfull sufferings, buffetings and painfull saf-
-fairings and persecutions, and we believ'd we should finally be pu-
-rified and made fit for the masters use, but how and when and
where we knew not. But God never left himself without a witness,
and we hope found his witnesses, and are thankfull for them, and for
their strength and help. O brethren and sisters, this is the jubilee
of jubilees the seven times seven is pass'd over, and now is the holy
Sabbath of the Lord, the final Jubilee, wherein all souls shall go out
free, O then we shall tread sin under our feet, and cut asunder
all bondage. O brethren and sisters I appeal unto you, if we have
not found an hundred fold, of every good thing promis'd. O brethren
the Lord has come, how glorious! O how glorious is the day in which
we live. Thail the day, the bright and holy day of God Almighty.
In this day he will wipe away every stain, he will have a holy
and a pure people, for the seed of the woman, shall bruise the
Serpents head, and her seed is now doing it, blessed be God, We
live in that day. I am thankfull for the womans day. O brethren
and sisters, Our glorious high Priest has come, and not as once
with beasts to offer, but every sin has to be confess'd by the beast
who committed them, on his own head shall the hand be laid,
and with his own tongue shall confession be made, and when
You do this, they shall be carried to the wilderness, or a land of
forgetfullness, and the faithfull and honest shall find forgive-
-ness. O Brethren and sisters you remember the faithfull servant
who was faithfull over a few things, and was made ruler over the
household, now this faithfull servant is the holy Priesthood, and has
the care of the household given him, and now O brethren and sisters
consider this holy Priesthood, this faithfull Servant is the holy an-
-ointed Order, and in obedience to this holy Priesthood, I know I
shall gain the victory, over all my evils, I know I shall, I will
mount up as on Eagles wings, I shall run and not be weary &c.

Another advent Brother spake and said, "That as one of the brethren had told his dream, he would be simple or relate a dream also" "I thought I was walking along the street in Cincinnati, and "as I progress'd along I got into a very narrow street, and it grew narower and narrower, untill I went about two squares, and then I found even this narrow path broken up all along, and only here and there a brick, or a stone to tread on, and still the path grew narower, untill when I went to turn back, I found I could not turn round at all, but I had just strength go on in a stumbling way, I also seen many places too where people had fallen in, and gone under entirely, but finally I had strength to reach the opposite end of this narrow way, and got safely over all the difficulty. ———————— ———————— At this time Bro. Andrew Houston brought a present and plac'd it in the aisle for the White Water brethren and Sisters. It was a beautiful box; and it is written on the box, "My dear Children never be asham'd of my little gifts and you will always be able to keep the way of God. This box is full of mortifying gifts and orders. The box was sent from Mother Ann to the Advent brethren and Sisters. ——— ———— The Ancient Prophets are now passing all thro' amongst the people, and an instrument cries out Who will receive a blessing from the holy Prophets. ———— ———— The trumpets are sounding, and the nations from afar shall be call'd, and they shall be made equal unto you, Yea, I will call them from afar, and I will fill their mouth with praise, and their souls shall overflow with thankfulness. ———————— And also for the White Water brethren and Sisters, there is a jewel of Love, one for each, and it shall be a witness for you, that you have been kindly noticed and even in eternity you shall remember it ———

——— An inspir'd one cries out, " O I see ships coming from afar, and the Islands in the ends of the Earth are in motion, and I see the Ships toss'd by the foaming billows of the Ocean, they are coming, yea thousands shall come from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South, and they shall find salvation from sin, and a home in Zion. ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— The ancient King David is here, and he is singing praises to the Lord, because the poor shall hear the gospel from pole to pole, and Jonathan whom the King lov'd, and his armor bearer are both here, and they have all come to unite, with the holy Prophets, and people of God, and David is singing a beautifull Anthem. ——— ——— ——— ——— The spirits of the ancient Prophets who are here are overflowing with thankfulness, to think that they are sharers in the gifts and blessings of the most high God, with those who are on the earth, and they say they gladly sacrafic'd their comforts when they were living on earth to testify to the truth as it is in this day, tho' they were mocked and persecuted, and they now see the fulfillment thereof, and give glory to God for the same. They say it is with unspeakable joy that they now see and feel the holy work of God going on in the Earth. ——— ——— ——— An Angel now, (tho' an instrument) cries out Dearly beloved Children of your Mother, you shall yet see a day, in which you will have to pass thro' much persecution and tribulation, on account of the many who will yet flock to Zion. They shall come by thousands and all the honest and faithfull shall be saved, and find eternal life. If it is in union the Prophetess Miriam has a present for the White water brethren and sisters, which is a timbrel and violin for each of them, these instruments shall make sweet music, to sooth them, when distress comes upon them, and she says she will play on these

instruments in their company, when they are dancing at their peaceable homes in the worship of God. —— —— —— —— —— —— We return'd thanks to the Angels, Prophets, and all the holy attending spirits for their Kind and gracious assistance this' the present meeting in four low bows; they made us all Kindly welcome.

Meeting was dismissed.

Family Meeting —— Centre House —— Oct 18th 1846 —— —— —— Evening Meeting —— Singing meeting commenced as usual, and continued about an hour, at which time the spirits becoming warm, a feeling was gradually stealing over the people to unite in a dance, which being pretty gen-erally felt out, an attempt was at first made on a small scale, but suddenly life sprung up, and union making a gift for the occasion, willing minds entrid ardently in to the measure and in a few minutes all was in the full tide of successful experiment. —— —— —— —— —— —— —— —— An instrument under divine inspira-tion declard, "that indeed the day in which we live, was an uncommon day, such a day as had not before been known, on the Earth, it being the fulfillment of the great prophecies going be-fore, and indeed they are fulfilling before our eyes every day. And again I testify that Mothers blessing and Love is now flowing freely, And all united in the feeling that as our Mothers Love was the Love of one another, it was in truth above all things valuable, and in a particular manner, when as in the present case, the spirits of her children are enliven'd and invigorated by her presence. She came this evening and brought with her many little innocent children, and they are free and lively, and beautiful, and seem to

rejoice in nothing but the holy gifts of God ——— Father William is also here, and some with him, and they have brought Heavenly Love for their children and they have thrown it over the house, and are now wafting it all over us, and they are pouring out of good and truth, and all manner of heavenly graces, and of these divine and holy blessings there is no lack, but plenty to fill every soul full, this is testified to by many witnesses. ——— The Angels declare, "that a new day has commenc'd, a new thing under the sun, the promises of God hath this day been fulfill'd, and the command of the holy angel is to unite the sound of our trumpets with the holy Angels, who are sounding theirs to the ends of the earth, to wake up the nations, and the sound of their trumpet tongues, is Peace on Earth to men good will. We all sounded our trumpets in obedience to the request of the holy Angels, the glorious sound of full salvation to the ends of the earth ——— From the young and rising generation, the word came strong and emphatical, "We bear witness to the gift of simplicity which is here, and that there is enough for all the Children that are here to night, O! How there is simplicity enough for every motion of the body that can be made in the gift of God ——— The Angels say to the Advent brethren and Sisters, You must be diligent, and gather the refreshing gifts of God, which are Kindly bestow'd upon you by our holy Mother for her good Children, and if you are faithfull to gather it, it will support you, thro' the temptations that will come upon you. ——— An instrument announc'd the presence of Eldress Betsy, and said she was standing in the Aisle, having in her hand a box full of holy Love, and she says if it is in union, she will open the lid, and wave it

it on the brethren and Sisters from White Water, and she says do receive it, for it will help you, and you will be bless'd and comforted always if you will walk in obedience to the counsel and advice of your visible lead. ——————————
—————— At the close of the meeting, an instrument said, "that he seen our beloved Mother, in a beautiful place, where all the glories of nature were spread abroad in a luscury of abundance, and he seen Mother gather a great number of most exquisitely finish'd pearls, and in union with the beloved Ministry, it is her will for Sister Betsy Frost, to take them, and distribute them amongst her brethren and Sisters at home.

Meeting clos'd.

Monday Evening —— Oct 19th 1846 —— Family Meeting —— Centre House —— It was declar'd in the beginning of this meeting, that the gifts of God were flowing freely, and the word is Children gather them up for they are sent on purpose to make you feel the blessing of heaven. —— Another testified Our blessed Mother is here, and if you will labor for it, you will be able to gain the free gift of heaven to bless your souls. Bands of holy Angels are here, which say, they came to unite with us and to help us bless our brethren and Sisters who are visiting us, they (the Angels) say, they watch'd over them when they were in the world, and they came now to help us to bless them. ——————
—————— A rich treasure is here, for all who can estimate the fullness of the blessing, and it is for the consolation of all, that Mother has bestow'd this rich present of Love and charity of God our heavenly Father. There was a very general manifestation of thankfullness now express'd for the kind

notice of our heavenly Mother, and the good Angels, and kind spirits who were laboring to do us good. ——— Elder John observ'd that he once remember'd to see a brother in an intense labor to gain a heavenly state of mind, and he labor'd a great while, and it all seem'd to no purpose, when at last wearied out with his fruitless attempts, and almost discourag'd, he fell down on the floor, and intended to give up the thing as hopeless, when to his utter astonishment he was in immediate possession of the desired object. Having given up all hopes of finding it in his own way of working for it and casting himself on the boundless mercy of God, he found that which he sought for instantly. ——— Betsy Frost, (a visitor) express'd her mind as follows," That she never saw anything so plain as the gospel; she seen and knowd when she liv'd in the world, that there was nothing there but trouble and vexation of spirit, and no blessing was there for her. She always thought there was some way out of bondage, but could never find anything that could give her freedom and strength, and enable her to stand her ground. Even when she would be stimulated with the warmest hope, the reflection of her own weakness would discourage her, and thus she went on untill she gain'd strength enough to become determin'd to bear her cross, and be simply subject, and ever since that, she has been satisfied". ——— Our instrument now, said she seen Mother and co company with her, giving the Brethren and sisters, the pure wine of the Kingdom to drink, and he said that he was thankfull that Mother had made it possible for even the babes of the Kingdom to taste the cheering wine of the Kingdom while the high and lofty could not taste it. ——— A mighty angel of Power has come in to Meeting, and he says again that the Angels are going to the

North, and to the South, to the East and to the West, and will sound their trumpets to the ends of the earth, and the simple hearted and the honest shall hear and believe, and the proud and haughty shall not know when good is in their reach, but in the midst of their high looks, shall the Judgment of God overtake him, and as a snare shall it fall upon him, and with shame and sorrow shall he confess his ignorance, and want of a willingness to receive and Love the simple truth. ——— ——— If it is in union Mother wishes Betsy Frost to come forward and receive a present from her hand; It is a tankard of wine, mingled with Joy and comfort, and she might take it and give it to her Elders; She may receive it by holding out her right hand. ——— ——— A branch from the tree of life was now presented, full of fruit, and the visitors may come forward and it shall be given to them, and they may take it home with them, and give it to their Elders, and they may shake it, ~~sofa~~, and the heavenly fruit shall fall among the people, and they may gather it, and as they eat the fruit, and drink the wine which their Elders will share with them, they shall taste the blessings which we have so bountifully enjoyd these few days, since our brethren and sisters have been visiting with us. ——— ———

Meeting closd.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath —— Nov 1st 1846 ——— ——— Meeting commenced as usual by singing an Anthem; After which Elder Brother said that he was thankfull for the present privelege of meeting again in the Sanctuary to make our offerings to God, and particularly so on the present occasion, in consequence of meeting with our beloved

friends from White water. ——— In the begining of meeting there came in a great number of ancient Prophets, and also a number of the ancient brethren and sisters, who liv'd on the earth, in the days of Mother Ann. Also there came a body of Angels bringing from the holy square a vessel fill'd with Love and blessing, for the brethren and sisters now assembled at the sanctuary. Also Father Joseph and Mother Ruth, came into meeting and brót Love and blessing to the brethren and sisters. Brother E. Jacobs having lately came home from the East, and from Canterberry he brót Love from the Sweet singer of Israel the ancient King David, and the mode of giving the Love, was by Shovelling it over the brethren and sis-ters, being previously supplied with Shovels for the purpose. ——— Many at this time express'd their thank-fulness, for having been call'd into the gospel when they were Young, and many expressed a similar State of mind for having been kindly invited into the gospel in riper years, and Some declar'd that altho' call'd at the Eleventh hour Yet they had already recev'd their penny &c ——— An inspir'd instrument declar'd, "that the holy sanctuary is now fill'd with freedom brót by our heavenly Parents, and that there is a constant Stream of Love flowing thro' the aisle like an Ocean. ——— ——— Our heavenly Fathers William and James says rejoice with us O our dearly beloved children that the day of Salvation has come, and all may find the glory of God, and feel the power of God, sufficient to save them from Sin; and let the faithfull rejoice, to see & feel the goodness and blessing of God, that is mani-fested in this great day of Jubilee, and more par-

particularly because the world of mankind is to be enlight-
-en'd and their minds prepar'd for the reception of this holy
gospel ———— Just now says an inspir'd one
a beautiful Vessel has sail'd up the River of Love which
flows thro' the aisle, it is sent by the Ancient King David
and is fill'd with heavenly gifts, and in the fore end
of the boat is a great number of harps, one for each brother
and Sister, to praise God and give thanks, to his holy
name, and accompanying the harps is a company
of the sweet singers of Israel, Ancient Prophets, and
musicians of the olden time, when Israel were the
Chosen people of God, and they are now singing the
Songs of Zion, they are singing of the blessed gifts of God
Hope, Love, faith, Charity &c. — In addition to all these
blessings there is now suspended over the Boat, a large
roll of sweet comfort, and this Roll is now unrolling
and flowing over the brethren and sisters in beautifull
folds, and the holy spirit says, take this sweet comfort and
enjoy it, for it is your heavenly Parents desire that you
should feel the blessing of this gift ————
———— An Angel now appears
and sings the following Anthem, in a most sublime and moving
tune (thro' an instrument ~~~) "Now is the day. Call
my children, O Yea call my Children from afar, and my lit-
-tle ones from the ends of the earth, call my children from afar,
and my little ones from the ends of the earth. Lift up the trum-
pet in Zion, yea sound aloud the trumpet of God, and call the
needy souls from the four quarters of the earth, for behold I
have sheep that do not now belong to this fold, they know not
my word, nor have they heard my call, but they are mine saith
the Lord, and with my right arm will I bring them, from

among the nations, and in my strength will I protect them. And for this cause have I sent forth my mighty Angels, and my flaming spirits over the earth. Therefore come Oye Sons of affliction, and ye daughters of Sorow, make haste to obey my call, and learn to obey the voice of mine Anointed, for consolation yea sweet consolation is flowing from the heavens. Come O come ye desolate and afflicted from the North and from the South, from the East and from the West, for behold the gulph is open'd, and will no more be clos'd, untill it swallow up the wicked, and destroy the ungodly from among the righteous seed, and they shall be seperated forever. Behold the day is come when I will call home my lost sheep, O Ye holy saints of God pray for them, lift up the voice and cry aloud, for the lost sheep of the fold, for to the fold shall they come, and within my enclosures of safety shall they flock, as doves to the windows shall they come. Blow Ye aloud the trumpet, Oye children of Zion, and behold my chosen ones shall come. O who will raise up the voice in mercy, and sweetly call my wanderers home they shall sound the blessed sound of salvation, and O my Lovely children, ye who are ownd by the most high, and blessed by the God of heaven, let your souls flow out in Love to the poor lost children of this world, and pray ye O my little ones, that my scatter'd flock may find the fold, and praise to God, and glory to his holy name, shall sound and sound, Yea sweetly sound, because redemption and Salvation shall reach the honest soul. Therefore call my wandering Lambs, and erring children home, Yea to the fold of safety call them home and Securely in the everlasting gospel shall they find a lasting home, and they shall skip and play before the Lord, and rejoice in thankfullness and holy praise before the God of their salvation forever and forever more - Amen — — — —

"The inspir'd one continues," O the beautiful songs, and delightfull music which flows from the band that accompanies the sweet singer of Israel. The Love which flows from the holy Prophets, and the sublime and beautifull anthems from the sweet singers, are truly extraordinary and it seems as if the holy Love extends to all the Sons and daughters of Zion. ———— Another inspir'd one cries out," O I see far off in a desolate Island, and in a low valley, where there is almost total darkness, a great company of miserable looking people, setting on the earth, and I hear them cry," O Lord God of heaven and earth, assist us and help us O Lord, or we shall perish, give us light to see thy holy way, and strength to walk in it, for we desire to know thy holy will and do it. And I hear the request made," Are you willing to send ten doves, to the des-olate valley, and to the miserable inhabitants thereof, and cov-er their wings with Love, to refresh their weary souls, and encour-age their fainting Spirits. For they desire the gifts of God, and to find the gospel of salvation and eternal Life. The doves are to go to the lonely Island, and scatter the Love from their wings, while you blow on your golden trumpets, in union with the holy Angels, and they of the valley shall feel and acknowledge your blessing and Love. ———— ———— Reference being again directed to the boat there was found in the midst of it, two Sacks fill'd with beau-tifull robes fitted already to the children of Zion, and one for each one, and these robes were wrought by the ancient women who were faithfull in their day, and are now justified Spirits before God. ———— Another instrument said" That he heard Father Williams and Father James say, that they wish'd to blow three Solemn blasts on their golden trumpets for the blessed gospel of Salvation, they say they have never ceas'd to rejoice one day since they first found the

blessed Salvation that is in the Gospel. And after this they with a number of Mothers first bow, rollid out a large roll of Charity and placid a roll of it on each of our heads to enable us to feel a right sense towards the poor lost children of this world.

After making four low bows in token of thankfulness for the many blessings and kind notices of our heavenly visitors Our meeting closid.

Church Meeting ---- Sabbath ---- Nov 8th 1846 ----

---- In the beginning of this meeting Elder B.R. calld our attention to the circumstance of Holy Mother Wisdoms visit some years ago, when there was promises of a serious nature entrid into such as "Will you be faithfull and never, never forsake the way of God &c" A consideration of this subject, brot a solemn feeling over the assembly, which was retaind thro out the meeting. ---- In the early part of the meeting a company of Angels came into meeting, and brought with them a blessing for every one who was prepard to receive it. ---- Mother was also present, and ministerid a blessing to try to soften our hearts; She also besought the Angels to supplicate their heavenly Father, on behalf of us, her poor needy children. She wept for us, and we kneeld down in sincere prayer to God, that he might continue his mercy to his poor needy and helpless creatures. ----

---- Father James was also present, and at the close of the meeting he ministerid a gift for us for the coming week, the substance of which was, "that we should labor to feel the fear of God, and for more love to the way of God and more reconciliation to his Order. Meeting closid.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Nov 15th 1846 ———
——————— In this meeting there was not very much outward display of power, but the assembly experienc'd the givings of the spirit, to soften and bless, and strengthen the honest and simple minded in good.

We felt willing to renew our covenant with God, to bear the cross and despise the shame to the end of our days; In the expression of this Kind of faith, and in our laboring for the gift of the holy Spirit, we felt the divine influence to warm and invigorate our souls, and amply to reward us for all the sacrafices we had ever made. ——— ———
——————— Elder Jn° receiv'd from Eldress Betsy a beautifull flag containing a rich blessing from heaven, and a few more presents were receiv'd, when we proceeded to call for, and receive the Love sent from White Water, thro' a company of brethren and Sisters who had been there on a visit. They brought safely the Love of the Kind brethren and Sisters from that villages, and Elder Archibald sent a box full of the gifts of God. And also fruits from the trees of Love and Charity. In this Kind of a Spirit full of the Love we had receiv'd, and thankfull to those who sent, and those who brot it, Our Meeting closed.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Nov 22nd 1846 ———
——————— After the introductory Anthem was sung Elder Bro. obser'd " That again a Kind and merciefull providence had permitted us to meet together again in the holy Sanctuary, and he hop'd all had come up properly prepar'd to make an acceptable offering unto God, He said that the many excellent priveleges, which was mercifully allow'd us, called for

thankfull hearts, and he felt for his part, that it would be a priv-
-elege for him, to Kneel down and thank God in truth and sin-
-cerity for the many blessings we enjoy'd. After rising he stated
that it was not likely that such a season would always last,
and especially as we had been often instructed, that days of Affli-
tion and tribulation would surely overtake us. ——————
—— After meeting had continued some time
in lively exercise, an instrument announc'd the presence
of our holy Mother, and said that she saw Mothers Love flowing
down thro' the aisle, and among the brethren and sisters like the
waves of the Ocean; and there was an invitation for all to gather
as the holy Sanctuary was full. ——————
—— Again it was announc'd, that holy Mother Wisdom
was here, and she has brot a bright and shining ball of clear
light; And she says this is the holy Light, which inspir'd the
holy Prophets of old, when they spake the true prophetic word
of God, and by which they were enabled to Keep in the true
way of God. And this holy light is to be obtain'd by all, by
bowing three times and asking for it. ——————
—— The gift of songs is also here, and many
musicians, are singing and playing on instruments of
music the most delightfull that can be concein'd of. ——
—— Mother Wisdom says "that these gifts are to be recein'd
by the brethren and sisters Kneeling and praying while in this
position, for our bitterest enemies, which will yet raise up to dis-
tress and persecute us, here in this place, and our heavenly Parents
will remember us, and help us in the hour of trouble & distress. ——
—— Bro. E. Jacobs attended our meeting to day, and
as he was going in Company with bro. Charles Clapp to Pleasant
Hill and other places in Kentucky, we were requested by the Min-
-istry to Clothe them with Love, in order for them to carry it for us

to our gospel friends in that region. The meeting was solemn lively and free, and the presence of many good Spirits and Angels was sensibly felt by all the living. —— Conclusion ——

First family —— Saturday Evening —— Nov 28th 1846 ——
—— An inspir'd one says," I saw twelve bright Angels, who daily walk under the banner of the mighty Angel Gabriel, they state that they descended on the 26th, from the ranks of Gabriel to the earth to view the doings of men for a season; and to mark well, the walks of all within the walls of Zion.

They said as they pass thro' the earth, they should mark all for destruction, who pursue a course deserving it. But to the honest seeker after righteousness, shall the holy light of God be given as an everlasting blessing. They said they should mark all in Zion whom they should find that were not willing to walk in perfect light, for utter destruction. —— I also saw the prophet Daniel soaring on wings of Love, his wings appear'd to be pure wrought gold; and the light which appear'd to flow from them, seemd to be sufficient to enlighten the whole Solar System. He appear'd with the twelve Angels to wing his way far to the South West, and as they mov'd on a path appear'd to open before them of perfect Light. Near the path in many places, I saw the beautifull fruit trees of heaven, bending under the weight of heavenly fruit which they bore. And the Angels said, that 'ere long the saints of the most high should gather and eat it. I saw the elements in dreadfull commotion, the trees of the forest were bending like withes with the wind, and the air was darkned as the blackness of perfect gloom.

I saw the earth strew'd with thousands of the stoutest trees of the forest, they were rent and split to peices, as if they

had been smitten with seven thunders. I heard the Angels proclaim with a loud voice, "Behold the time is near at hand when God will gather his Lambs into his fold, yea he will gather them from the four winds of heaven, he will as it were snatch them from the jaws of the Lion, and the ravenous beasts of prey. Therefore be ye prepar'd O Zion to receive them. Purity alone shall reign in thee, and none shall be found in thy borders, who in the least disobey the holy commandments of God. O do saith the angels purify your hearts aright for Zion shall surely be cleans'd before the great ingathering of the Lord takes place, and behold it is near at hand, for how can it otherwise be, when mortal eyes can see and view it on the earth; So it will hastily come and then shall those who are found in Zion unprepar'd be smitten even as the trees of the forest lie smitten to the earth by the hand of God; for nought that is impure shall remain in Zion in the day of Gods ingathering saith the Lord. ——

Family Meeting —— Saturday Evening — Decr 5th 1846 ——

—— In this meeting we were presented with two balls of fire to quicken our feelings, and one of our inspir'd ones [illegible] testifies that the gift of God is flowing to the young this evening in a special manner, with request for them to be free and speak what they feel. —— [illegible] testifies that there is a gift of sweet consolation here, and it is flowing among the brethren and sisters. She also states that one of the doves that was sent to a desolate Island, some time ago, has come back, bearing in its mouth a green olive branch. It was sent to carry Love and strength to a desolate people, but has now a privelege to return to its companions and it is gathering a little love from every one, it says

that our heavenly Father has endow'd it with power to bring down the high and lofty of this world to the meekness of the dove. —— Father James enters, with a lamp in his hand, and is now standing at the head of the aisle and says he has come to search the hearts of the brethren and Sisters, and he says he hopes he will find nothing but good, as he has to record what he sees, and carry it to Mother. He is in some trouble and anguish of spirit on behalf of the Young, and most feelingly exhorts, to get hold of the gospel for themselves while they are young, he says they ought to be very particular to gather every crumb, for they will see the time they will need it all, and now he is walking up and down and has in his hand a vial of the waters of Repentance, which he will impart to all who desire it ——

Family Meeting —— Saturday Evening —— Decr 12th 1846 ——

—— In the early part of this meeting Eldress Betsy brought a little cross for each one of us, and she says these crosses are to keep us from speaking evil of one another, for that ugly spirit she will call a backbiting spirit, and a good believer can have no union with it. —— Another instrument says there has a large Company of holy Angels come in, and they have brought blessings for us. And moreover that there is a Company from the Holy Mount of God, they have brot Love and purity for the Brethren and Sisters. And again she says she sees the windows of heaven open, and heavenly fruit flowing among the people, and there is now 374 Angels just come in from the ranks of purity, and they say they will meet with us tomorrow at the holy Sanctuary, and they

will have many precious gifts of God, which we may receive, if we go there in a prepar'd State, not doubting, but simply believing in the gifts of God. ——— "There is a Spirit here that says" "The word of Mother, while on earth was," that if a man began to right up his fences and prepare his ground in right time, he will receive a blessing, but if a man puts it off and says tomorrow will do as well, he will not receive much blessing, and what he does receive will seem to be afterwards and do him but little good. It is a great day of God Almighty in Zion at present, and the right time to begin to worship God, is when we first enter the meeting room, not come in sleepy and drowsy, but immediately enter with Life, Zeal and energy into the spirit of the work, and waste no time or strength in useless musing. This is much better than to have to labor a long time, to shake of an indifferent, lazy Spirit, and after all gain but little. ———
——— After a lively interesting meeting and some excellent counsel from the Ministry and Elders

Meeting Clos'd.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Decr 13th 1846 ———
——— After singing an Anthem, Elder Bro. Ely Spoke thus," If any of us was about to begin any kind of temporal business, we should be very particular to be properly prepar'd for it by all the means which it was necessary to adopt in order to effect that purpose. And how much more important it is that in the discharge of our Spiritual duties we should also be fully prepar'd. Now if we have come up to the Sanctuary thus prepar'd to make an Offering, we can make one which will be acceptable to our heavenly Father. We should also remember

that there is no way to gain the Kingdom, only as we gain the state of a little Child, that is a dependant state.

We know a little child feels all dependance on its parents, and so if our minds are properly exercisd, and have a true gospel sense of this matter we shall be able to offer an acceptable offering, Knowing that of ourselves, we are but poor needy and dependent Creatures." ——— An instrument T. 2 inform'd us that there was a large company of Young believers come in, who had lately been gather'd into the gospel, in the Spiritual world, and Father David had brought them here, in order to show them the seat of many of his Earthly Sabors. Father David said "that they were those of Millerites who decd. about the time and since of the intense excitement in 1843, And that they were prepard to receive the gospel in this world, and when they arrivd there they soon gatherd to the true work of God. He said they were honest Zealous minded people, and he thought they would be benefitted by being brot here, to see what was gain'd in this world in the Gospel. We gave them our blessing and Love. They are sounding on their trumpets Glory to Jesus and glory to Mother. They are sincere and prepar'd souls fitted for their present state by the Angels, that were attending to them on Earth, tho' they did not Know them while they were in the body, but now they understand all about it. ——— ——— Again Elder Brother said, (near the close of the meeting," That he had thought a good deal about it lately seeing the work of God, was going on in the world, under the ministration of the good Angels, and fitting souls for the Gospel, whether there would not be coming in tried and devoted Souls, and Yield themselves up to the gospel, insomuch that some of us who have had a long privelege, would fall behind them in travel, and instead of being able to lead

them, and instruct them, they would even get before us, and we should have to be instructed and taught by them. He said, indeed he thought that would be a great pity, and he hoped all would prize their day and privelege, and not stand in the way of the faithfull souls, as stumbling blocks which would have to be remov'd. He hoped all would think seriously about it. ——— ——— ———

——— Elder John Observ'd that he hoped every thing might be remov'd out of the way, that would hinder the work of God from going on prosperously, for their were circumstances taking place now in the world which were calculated to make it very necessary for believers to be wide awake, and carry out in our every days actions, the profession we make in the gospel, or they will not be able to do the work, that is requir'd of them in relation to those in the world, and the only way by which they can do it right, is to be sincere and faithfull, and live according to our faith all the time, if every one will consci-enciously do this, we can be able to do the will of God, to our selves, and among ourselves, and to the world of mankind as fast and as far as our help is needed. ———

We now bow'd four times, and our meeting clos'd.

Church Meeting —— Sabbath —— Dec. 20th. 1846 ——

In the commencement of meeting a band of holy Angels were seen throwing their Love over the brethren and Sisters. Our heavenly Parents are also present, and they intro-dued into meeting the holy gift of inspiration, and desir'd the instruments to prepare to receive any communication which might be given them, by the good spirits and holy Angels.

Many express'd a great anxiety to be releasd from a vain

vain and trifling spirit; and declard they were not willing to be cheated out of the solid blessings and comforts of the gospel by such insidious and unworthy enemies as Pride or Lust or any such things. ——— There was now a mission of twelve hundred Angels present, who constitute a chosen body from the spiritual world, carrying the sacred roll to the Children of this world; and they say that the work of convic-tion will be quick and powerfull in the world, and the cleansing and purifying of Zion must keep pace with it. The seperation between the precious and the vile, must be moving on swiftly or we shall not be able to do our duty to those who will necessarily be the subjects of our Labors. They said that the light that would be shed abroad, would be as the light of the noon day, and many would see and believe and obey, and Zions children must be awake and keep up with this swift travel which will be in the world. ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— Father David is here and requests us to unite and shake off every thing that stands in the way, and then ask our heavenly Parents, and they will grant us a bles-sing immediately—— This requirement being promptly obey'd, the gift of Sincerity and childlike simplicity was minister'd in a wonderfull manner, filling the hearts of all present with which sense of the truth of the promise of our heavenly Parents, they shower'd on us Love and blessing, so that all were full and running over, with feelings and expressions of thankfulness and praise. ——— Some cried out O! I need the gift of Repen-tance and more devotedness &c. ——— Now a company came in who said they were sent as witnesses to the manner in which we would improve the gifts and blessings which were granted us, from time to time ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— There was now a beautifull tree seen standing

in the ailse, hanging full of every fruit, and the Angels were seen bending down the branches, that the brethren and sisters might reach the fruit, and eat it, and this fruit will enable us to bear every cross, and all the tribulation that will be suffer'd to come upon us, if we are faithfull and obedient; and to meet every scene of difficulty and distress that will overtake us in our duty, and will strengthen and invigorate our spirits, and dispense all discouraging feelings. It was now discover'd that Father James was bending down the trees to enable us to obtain the fruit. And he wishes us to Kneel down and pray that conviction may have its full effect all over the world, where the Angelic mission is now sent, and also that we pray that the like effect may follow all the Sabos of the Preachers sent out by order of the holy Anointed on earth, that they may be able to minister the truth, and make it felt so as to produce that conviction which they need. Father James said we might think it strange to hear that there was tribulation among the Angels in heaven, but he says there will always be pain and sorrow in heaven while there is sin left on the earth, and there is a soul yet left to redeem. ——— Mother was heard to say that she was blessing her Children with Love and simplicity, and she confirmd Father James's testimony, saying that every holy Angel and God himself would suffer as long as any intelligent being was in darkness uninstructed and unredeem'd..

Meeting Clos'd.

Christmas ——— Dec. 25th. 1846.

Assembled at the Meeting House, and Father Dana with us, and he informd us, that Father James had

Kindled a fire in the middle of the aisle, and very one might be at liberty to throw into that fire or furnace, all death and bondage, all Lust and Pride, all self will and presumption, and finally all forms and shapes of Sin which any might feel it an advantage to be releas'd from. ——— There was now announc'd the arrival of a glorious Chariot, loaded with spiritual blessings from heaven direct, bought as a Christmas present, and intended to enrich Mothers Children, and make them good and happy, by the distribution of these numerous gifts and blessings, they are a choice assortment of the very best and most precious gifts, such as Charity, Patience, forbearance, long suffering, &c &c. too many to enumerate, yet all of the first rate quality to adorn and beautify a Cross bearer. ——— And besides these, particularly adapted to Believers, there was also many good gifts for the world, which we were invited to gather, and so have them ready to minister, as occasion might require, and opportunity occur. We were call'd upon to divide every good gift, and cultivate a generous and liberal Spirit; to be liberal in temporal things, as well as spiritual, for the poor must be attended to, and be made welcome to the gospel and all its rich blessings. ———

——— We were recommended to look to God in sincere prayer, in a spirit of dependant humility, for that which we needed asking in simple faith, believing we should receive it, in confidence, and God would answer us. We should also look to God, in the agency he has establish'd in the visible head, for the safe directing and sure protection of his people, there in simple obedience and sincere reconciliation and Love, will every true child of Mother find Strength and Support, in every trial, and in all the Scenes of tribulation which can meet us, we shall in this Spirit gain the victory, and be found overcomers both now in this time, and the coming eternity. All who will come down

into this state of humility and dependance, need not fear, but that God will visit them with good, and establish their Souls in the truth. ——————— At this time there was a large body of resignation and true reconciliation, minister'd from the Chariot, and the Angels say that all who want these blessings can gain them if they will and and always have faith and strength to do their heavenly Fathers will. ——————— —— Indeed the holy Power of God is here, and the prayers of the Saints will be answer'd, and even the world shall be made sensible that God is with his people, to bless and protect them. ——— One said "I desire more liberality of spirit and more disposition to give my strength to do good, for the day requires it; there must be an increase in every living member to keep pace with the increase of the work of God among the lost children of this world. There is a great work of God now going on in the earth, and it stands every Soul in hand to keep their place in the gospel according to the requirement of the day and time in which we are call'd. I am willing to let God work in me, to will and to do his good pleasure. ——— Father William is now seen throwing fire over the people, and a large company of holy Angels desire us to unite with them in sounding our our trumpets with them. ——— There was now a complaint made by a company of holy Angels, that the Young believers had not a proper gift this morning in consequence of a defici-ency on our part, because we did not keep the order of God, with that circumspect carefulness, which ought to be. They said we ought to keep our consciences perfectly clear, and preserve our spirits in a pure and justified state, and then no obstruction could flow to them from a deficiency in us, but when they came into the holy Sanctuary every one of them would sense a blessing who was in its reach. —— And moreover the voice of the spirit says "This is

the day of the outpouring of the Spirit of God, and all unbelief is a foul Spirit and should be hit to light, and exposed by honest confession, and forsaken forever. ——— Just at the close of the Meeting Andrew Houston came into meeting, desiring us to receive his everlasting Love and blessing, and saying this is the day of rejoicing, let every justified Soul be merry and rejoice.

Meeting closed as usual.

Family Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Jan. 10th 1847. ———

——— Meeting opened by singing a Solemn Anthem. Elder Brother Eli observed "That we truly stood in a highly responsible position, as being a people to whom more real saving light of God had been given, than had ever fallen to any order of human beings since the Creation of the first of the race. The first appearing work of God which took place at Christ's first advent was a great work, but it was only "a part", a "sort of first fruits unto God"; but now we liv'd in the full blaze of Gospel light, and in the fullness of the final revelation of our heavenly Father and Mother. He showed the awfull consequences of disregarding the gift vested in the holy Anointed for the protection of the inhabitants of Zion, and held to view the withering and blasting curse which attended the Jews, who crucified the holy Saviour. He testified most solemnly that they who slighted and disregarded the counsel and direction of the present Anointed Agency of God, in this day of far greater light and Knowledge, would meet a far more terrible fate than the ancient and comparatively ignorant Jews. ———

——— It was declar'd that Mother had Kindled a fire in the aisle, and all might cast into that fire whatever they might feel themselves the richer for losing, and it should be burn'd up. Some of the middle aged now testified against binding the Young, and standing in their way by not setting them a good example, and promis'd

never more to do it. ---

---------- An inspir'd instrument now Spoke as follows "to wit" "I Saw in the N. East, somewhere in the Eastern part of the United States, a beautiful white light, which gradually open'd and Spread towards the West, in the direction of the great Lakes. In this light I saw a cloud of Shining witnesses, and these I was told were the heralds of the everlasting gospel sent to preach, and Sound it to the poor lost children of men, in that part of the Globe. A company of holy Angels now enter'd the room who were immediately from the North where were these flaming heralds, among these holy Angels, was one prophecying Angel whose word was as follows. "Beloved children of Zion, the great work of God is fast consumating in the earth, and especially at this time, are his holy Angels preparing the poor lost Sons and daughters of men who have waded thro' deep and sore tribulation to come bending to you in humiliation for a home in the Zion of God. But behold! All is not right in Zion! Alas all is not right in Zion! For altho' they are now waiting in tears for a place of rest in my Zion, yet there is that within her walls which must be purg'd therefrom. Therefore prepare! O prepare Ye inmates of that part of Zion, which is call'd the first in the Western Country, for there is indeed that which is not right in Zion, and what that is judge ye! I am an holy Angel whose commission from the most high is not to judge the inmates of Zion, but to prophecy of that which is now going on in the earth, and that which is to come and to warn this part of Zion to prepare for the great day of God Almighty which is at hand, that every child in Zion may be left without excuse, having been faithfully warn'd. For whether ye Obey or disobey the Solemn warnings of your God, this work will proceed Swiftly in the earth, and when the time of his gathering cometh then behold if Zion be not prepar'd to receive the lost children, her habitations shall be swept with the besom of his

judgments, untill she is cleans'd and madde ready to receive whomsoever he shall send. Lo! his judgments are now abroad in the earth; I see the lightning thereof streaming along on the ground and floods, pestilence and the pouring out of his fury. And what art thou O man, that thou shalt presume to Lord it over thy fellow man? Who art thou but an insignificant worm; and behold this is the great day of God, and every soul shall be humbled before me, and I will shake thee in haste from thy foundations, and thy presumption shall be prostrated, for I alone will be exstoll'd in this day. And O Zion make haste to prepare thyself for my work, for as sure as thou art call'd first in all the Western world, so surely will the heavy judgements of God roll over thee, desolating thee to the lowest extremity unless thou speedily repent, and make that right which is not right; for my work is very nigh thee, even at thy doors".

This Angel having clos'd his word, another address'd the assembly as follows," The spiritual welfare of your souls, is or ought to be, and must be, the most interesting matter, which can concern any inmate of Zion. But alas! this is not now the case, but many exhibit, far greater interest and Zeal in procuring that which goes to clothe the back and feed the belly to the exclusion of the gifts of God and the spiritual blessing thence deriv'd.

But in the day of my visitation all such will be rejected and cast out to make room for those whose meat and drink is to do the will of God their heavenly Father. It is true that no lazy or slothfull soul will ever enter the Kingdom of heaven; all should be active and Zealous in their temporal business, but the temporal interest should never assume the first place, and be estimated as the most important gift, by any inmate of Zion, neither will any who reckon on this wise and continue in this sense, find Salvation. But again! Hear all ye youth and rising generation, who think to pass your time in ease, to go along unconcern'd, as to either

temporal or spiritual matters, you are awfully mistaken: You will have to gain a spirit of Industry, and be willing to employ your talents in building up the cause, or sink to your own level. Therefore all who desire that true interest in the gospel, and who are willing to take no thought for the morrow, but seek first the Kingdom of heaven and its righteousness, may by extending their right hand, receive a portion of the power of God expressly calculated to effect this good purpose."

The Angel of Peace being present, now addressed the assembly as follows, "Who is there here that would be glad to receive a beautiful gift from the Holy Angel of Peace? which will enable them to avoid wounding the feelings of any one by unkind words or actions? (All rec'd). He proceeded," Would all the inmates of this holy place, only live together in peace without injuring and wounding the feelings of each other, one of the greatest obstacles to her preparation would be removed. What have you liv'd here under the renovating influence of the gospel for forty years, and yet cannot dwell together for one whole year, or even one month without hurting one anothers feelings in some shape or another. O could you but live in harmony and peace together, always avoiding every occasion which presented itself to hurt each other by hard words, or unfriendly actions how much more heaven would there be in Zion, and Love union & peace among the children thereof. Whoever takes this from our hands in faith, and desires to be influenc'd by it, shall feel fortified to be patient and forbearing when tempted, and to resist the impulse to retaliate, or throw back something offensive, and when this power is gain'd it will be found to be a blessing infinitely more desirable than the unhallowed feeling of revenge. There never was, now never can be any blessing in an illnatured spirit of hatred, and a disposition to resist wrongs and insults, but on the contrary all the blessing is on the side of Charity and Kindness, forbearance and forgiveness.

The Angel said moreover, "This is a day of freedom; Yea, it is a day of Jubilee; And who shall be bound, none need be bound, but all may be free that will be. Let no one bind another; Who shall dare to do this: And who shall presume to take judgment in his own hand. Let no one attempt this thing, for what is poor frail man but the Creature of a moment, the small dust in the balance liable to be blown away in an instant. Therefore let all be free in the innocent Liberty of Mothers holy gospel, and let none be bound themselves, nor be influential in binding others. but as good innocent children of one holy and pure family give glory to God, and be thankfull for your blessed privelege among the Saints, good spirits, and holy Angels of the heavenly Kingdom. And the People said. Amen.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath —— Jan. 17th 1847 ——
——— This day after an introduction from Joel the ancient Prophet read from the Bible by Elder John, we were informd that a great company from the heavens had assembled with us, and were commissiond to help us. In accordance with that duty, they call'd on all to come and receive help.

And the word was, who will come up to the Lord against the mighty to help, in the battle, this was said to be a good time while we have much stength to assist us. And the host cried with a loud voice, saying, "Take courage all ye children of Zion, for God will cleanse this sanctuary, and Zion shall be purg'd, and be made clean; therefore let all take fresh hold of the increasing work, and the word is "Onward" ———
——— Some feeling ministrations were given in great Kindness, to encourage the weak, and those who had not got hold of the firmest standing, to take hold, renew their Zeal and their

covenant, before it would be too late, and secure their eternal inheritance with the true and faithful.

Meeting clos'd as usual.

Family Meeting ——— Wednesday Jan 20th 1847. ———
——— A few nights since, a brother was awaken'd in the night, and after a few minutes reflection, he was carried by vision into the meeting room, and there was met by an angel, who it appear'd to him walk'd up to him, and ran him thro' the body with an immense Spear. Upon which he scream'd out in the most extreme agony, as tho suffering then and there, the fatal reality in real waking earnest. His voice was truly dreadfull alarming and almost unearthly, causing almost a universal shudder of horror, thro' the house. A similar feeling frequently coming over the brother, gave rise to sundry repetitions of the distressing sound, producing similar sensations in the hearers.

This evening on coming into meeting, after we commenc'd marching the same awful shrieks were heard again, attended by a vast concourse of Angels, and a great and signal manifestation of the power of God. ——— Pretty soon all the instruments in the house, caught the spirit, and began to testify of the wonderfull work of God, in the house, and the astonishing power they felt and witness'd. They testified the searching power of God had enter'd the house, and was exploring the inward state of every individual there; they declar'd that the long look'd for promise, was just about to be fulfill'd, that the judgment was fully ripe, and the time for the holy Angels of Judgment to begin their work was fully come. The scene in this meeting cannot be fully describ'd, but the following will be a faint representation of it. "The armies of heaven are thickening

around this place, the Angels are coming by hundreds and thousands, and declaring the work would be done, as promis'd, let who look on with indifference that might, but judgment should be laid to the line and righteousness to the plumet, and the hail should sweep away the refuge of lies &c &c. Talking alone will no longer answer, there must be corresponding works or it will not answer. Talk has been offer'd long enough, the vail shall be taken away and the covering remov'd, and this must be a quick work, and Corah Dathan and Abiram and their company, must be seperated from the Camps of the Lord suddenly; and the sober realities of the living work of God must begin to be realis'd, by the members of this body, here in the west, for it is solemnly declar'd, by the spirit of inspiration, "that the spirit of God will not always strive with man". Thus to the evil doer in Zion, the day of God, shall be a day of darkness and not light, for the light that was in them they have quench'd and put out, therefore their darkness is great.

Some of the inhabitants of Zion judge, but not in my spirit saith God, and the work of righteousness is neglected, and true faith is marr'd, and the first Love is lost, and death and bondage are hovering about the Camps of God in this place.

Idols are hidden, and the accursed thing is in the midst of the tent. Humility and true repentance is requir'd of every Soul, and all must be awake and alive or sink forever.

We must fight with God and not against him, put away the Idols says Father William, and all humble themselves in the order of God, putting away all evil in sincerity and truth. March on, in the work of God, out of the way of other souls, who are prepar'd to come in; the tongue must be bridled, and we must learn to do right, and deny ourselves of all evil, and walk softly in the narrow way. — — — — — Our heavenly Parents are weeping over us, there are

some who still continue to sit in the judgment seat from day to day and to insult the living God in his holy Order. The church must become a pure receptacle for honest souls to gather to, and her members must be holy and examplary. Ephraim must be joind to his Idols if he will have it so; all have been warnd again and again, and that which will not have the gospel, must and will be Sperated from that which will obey it, and keep its precepts, for all opposition to the gospel shall assuredly be put down forever. The truths and precepts and laws of the gospel are not all to be explain'd away, but they must be believ'd and obey'd in simplicity and truth. Believers in Zion must live the faith of the gospel, and if a young believer comes in amongst us, he must see, yea and feel that here is the holy gospel of salvation. ——————————————

—————— In the course of the meeting almost every one felt in their own souls an invincible horror of feeling such as was very uncommon, but it was minister'd and felt, as tho' the judgment of Zion was right in the midst, and had begun to do its work of final seperation; as if the long look'd for day had come, and certain and sudden ruin awaited the Lukewarm and corrupt. The armies of God surrounded the house, and blazing light shone round about, and all thro' it, and a stream of the burning shone in a peircing ray on the heart of each individual, showing to the Angels his true state and shutting up all hope of ever hiding again from the light of God.

While the armies of God were moving swiftly along; the instruments with streaming eyes and convulsive struggles, of extreme pain and suffering cried and pray'd, saying Awake! Awake! O dear brethren and sisters Awake! O Ephraim awake for the day of judgment in Zion is now here, and yet will you try to reason every thing away. Will you still attempt to account for every thing with your vain Philosophy. How can you sleep and slumber a moment. O proclaim it on the house tops, Proclaim it

in the high way. Destruction cometh as a whirlwind, O brethren and sisters tremble and fear exceedingly. O repent, repent, for the hour of God is come; we must be broken to peices, and find a contrite spirit. Tho' the whole meeting the excitement was intense. It was testified that the Vine of God was seen as a large wheel turning swiftly round, and there was three Logs broken. And also it was seen as a large tree vigorous & stately but as having three limbs with'd and dead and droping to the earth. The instruments suffer'd in an astonishing manner very uncommonly so, and almost every thing they did or said was indicative of extreme distress and pain. They pray'd that every heart might be soften'd and be prepar'd for the immediate judgment of Almighty God. They saw the state of the rejected and exclaimd awfull! Awfull! O Merciful Father! O heavenly Parents! Shall the earth open and is there no help! O. on your Knees dear Brethren and Sisters, let us pray if peradventure there may yet mercy be found, and repentance granted to the sleeping and stupid, who do not yet sense their state. O dear Brethren I feel horor stricken to sense these dreadfull states, O the suffering and pain, Shall I be ground to powder. O Merciful God I Know every word must be fulfil'd. The candle of the Lord is in the hands of the Angels, and every state is plumly sew, and every word of God and prophecy of the day shall be fulfill'd to the very letter; But O! that the mighty Angel might stay his hand for a moment, but the will of God must be done, and in the judgment of strict justice must decide. O how can the heart be so cold and indifferent. O merciful God may they wake up before their way is closd up forever by sudden and inevitable destruction. The whole meeting was a remarkable display of the wonderful power of God, and a searching dispensation of his light thro' his Angels of judgment.

Family Meeting ——— Jan 21st. 1847. ———

——— This evening at the commencement of meeting there was sent a vessel fill'd with heavenly fruit, and all the faithfull were invited to partake, but we were at the same time inform'd that the unfaithfull and unholy could not taste it. ———

——— An instrument ~ said Dear Brethren and sisters let us not despise the holy gifts of God, we cannot do without them, and keep our relation to the living work of God, O they are indeed precious and invaluable, and they are given to bless and encourage the faithfull. ——— There is a large company of holy Angels, and there is a universal cry of thankfulness to the holy Spirit, and they request us to blow on our trumpets in union with them, and proclaim to all free salvation, and the day of free grace for all the fallen sons and daughters of men. ———

——— One now obsen'd," Some I think have erronious opinions about the gift of the present times, and think there is some great sin committed by some one, but this is not my sense of the state of the people.

I think the evil which is the subject of the present Labor, is not any one great thing, but it is a great number of little things, which are wrong in themselves and contrary to the true spirit of the gospel, and also words, insinuations and ministrations of disorder and unreconciliation. Many small things in which there is not a resign'd feeling of real Union with the visible lead here, nor the counsel which comes from the East. Now this is the cause of the Labor, and if every one would be reconcil'd to move in union with the gift which is for us, there would be no more trouble nor distress on the subject. Now if a tender plant should come in and feel the blasting influence of this unreconcil'd spirit it would almost ruin it. To feel such a thing in a member of old standing, and one to whom it looks up too for example would be dreadful, and hardly to be borne. This now is the true difficulty which causes so much pain and that with which God is not well pleas'd.

Mothers children must indeed put away their Idols and be recon-
-cil'd to suffer. ——————— The Angels that are here at
this time say that there is no cause of discouragement; only put away
from you the accursed thing, and you need not think that in consequence
of the ministration of the last meeting that there has been some heinous
crime committed, but Know ye that the accursed thing is every breach of
order, and all thoughtless and careless running over the holy laws
of Zion, and all indifferent inattention to the wholesome regulations
of Mothers house. God has done his part, and all that remains is for
Zions children to put away the evil. You may depend that we all stand
in the presence of God, and are all seen thro' and thro', and the evils exist-
-ing is no single great offence, but continual shortcomings, and the
frequent commission of small wrongs, that constitute the sum of our
iniquities, and these little things are the Idols of time, which are cheat-
-ing Zions Children from gaining that which they need. ———————
——————— Father William and Father James are here, with the
holy Angels, and they will search every soul, and will make no com-
-promise with any Idols, but will assist in the work of seperation of
all evil from those who wish to be pure and holy. Some there are they
say, who after all that has been done, are not even yet awaken'd, even at
this late day, nor do they yet see themselves as the light of this day requires,
or as they our heavenly Parents desire they should. ———————
——————— Is there any, or can there yet be any, who yet think that
God will not carry on his work, in this place as he has promis'd, by the
mouths of his inspir'd ones. The Angels wish all to Know certain
that it will surely be done, the work will constantly go on, and a
swift work will God bring to pass in this place, which shall effect
all his purposes; And the holy Sanctuary shall be thoroughly clean's'd
and Zion made pure: And they the Angels now cry the watch word
steadily, and the purifying work must & will go on.

Sang an hymn and Meeting Clos'd

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Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Jan 24th. 1847 ———
——— In the commencement of the meeting, there was a holy Angel came in, having with him a proclamation that there was a fire built in the meeting house, and it was flowing all thro the house in waves of fire, and it was intended to cleanse and purify the Sanctuary, and ultimately to cleanse and purify all the inhabitants of Zion, and make them fit for the masters use. It will continue untill the evil is destroy'd. ———
——— There was a spirit of thankfulness minister'd to the assembly, and we were call'd upon to call to mind the many thousands, who have desir'd and pray'd for the privelege we now enjoy and yet had not found the blessing. A contrast was held up to view between their state and ours, and all agreed that, by the Kindness, and mercy of God, we were plac'd under the most solemn obligations to Love, serve and obey God; that it was possible to place human beings. It therefore stands us in hand to be diligent and prepare the way that hungry and famish'd Souls may find a peaceful quiet home in Zion, when the times and seasons of refreshing from the Lord may overtake them. ———
——— The Angels declare it to be a day of freedom, for all justified Souls, the great day of Jubilee, when the captive soul shall go out free forever. And this is the privelege of all that are honest. ———
——— Now is the time when many precious gifts are Kindly bestow'd upon Zions children, and all may exercise them in freedom. But gifts are not given, only for the individual who receives them, but they are Kindly sent by our heavenly Parents to edify the whole body, and for the mutual comfort and blessing of the household of faith collectively. ———
——— It was testified by an inspir'd one," that all who Knowingly and intentionally united with, the evil that was in Zion, after the fair and effectual warnings which had been

had been given from time to time, would ultimately be destroy'd with it, for the day of Judgment and final seperation had come, and all must positively take sides, there was no neutral ground left for any soul to stand on any longer. ——————
—— Father James and William, now came into meeting and brot a present of Strength, to build up the broken hearted and Comfort the weary and heavy laden. Near the close of the meeting Father James brot a clean white robe for all the brethren and sisters to put on and wear, hoping that all would be able to realise the value of such a present. After some general counsel from the Ministry and Elders, we bow'd four times and Meeting clos'd.

Church Meeting —— Sabbath —— Jan 31st. 1847 ——
—— Elder Brother open'd meeting by a quotation from the words of Jesus Christ, "Judge not lest ye be judg'd &c. &c. he also quoted a similar statement from the holy laws, and recommended us to consider these things as matters of the first importance, and to be seriously thankfull for the privelege we enjoy'd in the present day. ——
—— It is testified that the holy Spirit of God is here, and he requires me to testify that it is an abomination, to come into the sanctuary in a vain sense. We have long enough come here to see one another, and to think about our personal accomplish-ments, and leaving the real duty of worship out of the question; but he now requires all to come here with souls devoted to the work of God, and sincerely offer ourselves, as a living sacrafice to be fomi'd into a suitable vessel for the masters use. ——
—— A holy Angel says, there is nothing to hinder the hon-est soul from receiving the blessing of God, Yea, it is free for every justified soul. ——————————

——— There came four holy Seraphs from the heavens to bring the quickening power of God, and also Father William says, this way of coming into meeting without the fear of God, has been borne long enough, and a vain pretence will do no longer ———

——— And again, he says, "that the work of God is of such a nature at this time, that it is necessary that the whole body of believers at Union Village be closely united in Spirit, truly and sincerely, we should be as the soul of one man, to stand against the opposition in the world as well as against the evils which exist among the people of God. In order to really gain the necessary strength to Keep our ground, we must support the lead in a special and particular manner, and individually support the gospel in all its requirements in order to gain final and full redemption.

Meeting Clos'd.

Family Meeting ——— Feb. 6th 1847 ———

——— In the commencement of the meeting the Chariot of the Lord went thro the house, it was enshrouded with blazing fire, and the word from the wheels of the Chariot is, "that the stumbling blocks were taken out of the way, and that there should be no longer this word us'd among the inhabitants of Zion", "That this or that one did so and so, and I thought I might do so too, behold this word shall be no longer an excuse to any one. ———

——— Eldress Betsy has just now arriv'd in a Chariot of Charity, and she is loaded with this precious quality, and says she has enough for all to have a full supply if they desire it. ———

——— It was testified that all that sincerely love God, do his commandments and Keep his orders with pleasure and delight; It is no uncomfortable and distressing burden, but

comforting and pleasant to be in the duty. ——————————
—————— One says I see a timid and fearfull people, standing by a beautiful clear stream which is running by them, there is also a band of Angels standing by them and Kindly inviting them to enter into the stream and wash and cleanse and purify themselves therein. They tell them it will not hurt them, but do them good.

These good Angels are encouraging the timid people; the stream is clear and beautiful, it is the river of repentance which is flowing thro the holy Sanctuary, and the timid people are the Children of Zion fearful to enter into it. The Angels desire all to partake of the healing balm that flows in the holy gift of repentance.
———— There is now a great army blowing on their trumpets and inviting all to unite and sound; there are also harpers here harping on their harps, and playing beautifully. The cry is for Zion to step forward into an increase that is now ready for her, an increase of the blessing of God; they say one step forward will fill the soul with joy unusual, and inexpressible delight, and it is for all the faithful, who will bow their spirits and yield to the increase devoting their souls and bodies to the work. O I hear the holy Angels cry, "Why will you stand back, why will ye not step forward into the stream, now is the accepted time, now, to day if you will step forward you shall feel the strength and goodness of God. O I see the beautiful trees of Paradise, and thousands of Angels sporting in delight in the happy regions. I see the Angels in the stream and some of the children have ventured in, they are dunking and sporting in the clear and beautifully transparent stream. They all invite us and say it is sweet and delicious. Be not afraid it is safe and pleasant. The stumbling blocks are all remov'd, and here is sweet Comfort and heavenly peace and Consolation.

Church Meeting. Feb. 7th 1847. ——— Sabbath ——— ———
——— ——— ——— Elder Brother observ'd "that we were blessd with another privelege, to come up and make our offerings, that one week roll'd round after another, which would in a short time roll us all off the stage of action". He said "That it might be well for us to consider which way we were going, for notwithstanding there were many ways to walk in, there was but one safe way, and that was the straight and narrow way, the way of self denial. The way of self-pleasing self-indulgence and self will will never lead safely; Because straight is the gate, and narrow the way that leads to life, this is easy to understand, and by living consistent with our faith we can be prepar'd to make an acceptible offering ———
——— Eldress Betsy in company with the Angel of strength, and the redeeming Angel now came in, and had come prepar'd to fill all with the power of God, who were in a state to receive it, none need go away without a blessing with the exception of those who are there unprepar'd by being unjustified. There was an army of strength seen whose object and mission was to help us along, and they say all that is requir'd of us is to acknowledge and feel our dependence on the Order of God, to bow our souls low, and feel willing to take reproof, or any thing that it is believ'd we need; In this Kind of sense the Spirit of repentance could be minister'd and would be receiv'd, and the blessing and Kind protection of heaven, under these circumstances, and in this state of feeling, would be realis'd, as an abiding substance to the faithfull Children of Mothers fold. ———
——— ——— Father David exhorted all to rejoice and take joyfully the spoiling of their goods, for it would be an everlasting gain to them in the end. He gave us Mothers Love, and said be cheerfull.

Family Meeting. ——— Saturday evening — Feb. 13th. 1847 —
——— Father William is here and his testimony is that the time has come for all to cease from building on their acquird qualifications, that nothing shall be exalted in this day but God Almighty. All pride and high sense must come down and be trampled under foot, as not by any means pertaining to the gospel of Jesus Christ. He says the time has gone by for any to say, I will prepare my soul by and by and after a while &c. but now to day, this day and time just now is the accepted time. If you do not do the work now when You have an opportunity You may yet see the work of God going on, and you not be in it. ———
——— Last night there was a pitcher sent last night full of the power of God, calculated to bless all who would drink of its contents, and all are invited to drink and be strengthen'd. ——— ———
——— Here is Liberty from bondage, liberty from a stiff starchd up sense, brot by the holy Angels for all who are prepar'd to receive it. It is wonderful how strong and pure it is for the honest soul, here is indeed a great increase of all that is good in the gifts of God, And O Dear Brethren and Sisters, if you could only see, as I see the great brightness and beauty of the Church of God, and the glory she is destin'd to attain to your encouragement would be strong to run your appointed race with patience and increasing perseverance. ——— Eldress Betsy is also here, and she says the holy Angels of repentance are here, and are round about amongst us offering us their holy gift. They have it to administer to as many as desire it; but none can be forc'd; It is free for all, but none need take of it unless they sincerely desire it. Amen.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— Feb 14th 1847 ———
——————— The Prophet Daniel came into meeting, and
informid us that he had come with a number of others to stay
with us for a time, they brot a robe of the fear of God to impart to the
faithfull, that they might feel and sense it, when they rose in the morn-
ing, and all thro the day and night, it shall be a protection to
Keep them from wandering in forbidden paths. He testified that
the travel of the faithful would be swift, towards the Kingdom; and
also the unfaithfull would travel swiftly to destruction. ———
——————— Father Wm brought holy Love, a little for each one
desird them to be careful of it ——— He said he should
tarry with us a season. And he said some weakness might get
in, by reason of some that had been gifted in the work of God, but
that need not be a stumbling block for an understanding believer
for all Such Knew that no soul would ever be lost who honestly
Kept all their state open before their visible leaders. If they did
not stand on that fair and honest ground, they would fall.

The covering must be lifted and the time is come for all to be
seen just as they are, the furnace is heating, and the seperation
must and will take place the righteous and the wicked.

He said he had no faith in the invention of man, he might
build Towers, and escalt himself, but they would not stand.
and nothing would stand in this day but honesty, the
true honest soul that would bow to no Idols. ———————

Meeting Closd.

February 21st 1847. ——— Church Meeting. ———
——————— To day in our morning meeting the holy
laws were finishd being read; Elder Bri said probably for the
last time. He also obsevd that true grattitude was due
from us, seeing we enjoyd such signal blessings both Spiritual

and temporal, and particularly when we consider'd how many were now suffering of want in food and raiment. ——————
—————— The Armies of the Lord were present, and the ancient Prophets of olden time ministe'd sweet consolation and strength. —— Mothers pretty path was seen, beautiful and pav'd with smooth and shining stones. It was straight and narrow, no room for Idols, or any unclean thing in it. In this path is the spirit of repentance, and all lust and pride is forever excluded, and all her Children are invited to walk in it. ——————
—————— It was said that none would feel a lively gift of God, that were fearful of losing their Idols, and so would not engage in the simple gifts of God, but would stand and look on. But Know ye says the inspir'd one, that this is a day of purging, of Confessing, and of Sorrow of heart, when the cup of sorrow will have to be drain'd to the bottom, and yet their is no discouragement to the honest soul. A Crown of great beauty and brightness was promis'd to those who bore the Cross and continued to walk in Mothers shining path. ——————————
—————— Father William gave us each a robe of Strength and Simplicity, and told us if we expected to be children of our Holy Mother, we must depend on the gift and power of God in our visible lead in all things, as there was safety no where else. An inspir'd one said, he had seen the offerings ascend up to day and there was many of them rejected, because they went up from defil'd hearts, from covering spirits that had not been faithful to put their evils away, and such offerings would always be rejected; And as long as such spirits were suffer'd to mingle with the faithfull, the whole body would have to suffer on their account, that so long as such were held in union the Church would have to suffer, for Evil must be purg'd out, and then the whole body could offer an

acceptable offering. When that is the case, and we rely wholly on the gift of God in the true order, then will the whole body be able to offer an offering in righteousness which would be pleasing to God.

Meeting Clos'd.

Feby 24th and 27th ——— Family Meetings ———
——— Sabbath Evening the 21st in singing meeting the family broke ranks under the influence of the Spirit and went forth in the "dances of them that make merry". The fruit of the tree of Mercy and forbearance before the new house was seen to be bending with fruit, which was gather'd and divided. Life and animation increas'd, and Elder John commission'd sixe of each sexe to parade before every room door in the house and Stamp and bemean the flesh, by all the means in their power, by action &c. &c. The rest of the family Kept up a steady fire against the flesh in the meeting rooms, until the return of the missionaries, when a simultaneous rush from all hands would seem to have been sufficient to have entirely us'd up any common enemy. The fire was Kindled in Zion, and the furnace was hot in Jerusalem. The fire burn'd and the flame increas'd, and many good Spirits attended to assist the company of Warriors. We were fed with heavenly food, which was plentifully bestow'd by the holy Angels. Meeting clos'd by a promise to Keep the fear of God for the coming week, and drink from the cup of tribulation every morning. ———
——— After retiring; a sound appear'd at our doors in twelve united voices loud and clear and distinct, saying, "Hark, and hear the words we proclaim" Fire, Fire, Fire, Indignation and the wrath of God is reveal'd against every soul that covers evil." This was again at every room door in the house on the following morning at 4. o. c. a. M. ———
——— On the 24th We had a comfortable meeting

the meeting was full of life and freedom. Mothers Love, the love of one another was present in a comfortable degree. Elder John said he thought it likely that the year 1847 would be an important Year, and very likely to be an interesting era in the annals of time, therefore let all be Kind and good, cultivate a Spirit of gentleness and Christian forbearance &c. ——————

—————— On the evening of the 27th, another fine meeting We were desir'd to avoid all signs of hatred as utterly unbecoming our holy profession, and inconsistent with our true interest as rational beings, But our privilege and duty was to labor for Love and Union.

We then express'd our love by taking each other by the hand, and asking for Love in good sincere earnest. ——————————

—————— There was then a gift minister'd, that when we rose next morning we should take each one of our room mates by the hand and ask them to speak to us thro the day as often as was necessary to support good Social union. Then on coming into our rooms after breakfast, we should bow to each other handsomely. And when we attend Union Meeting we may Kiss each other and say I want you to help me put away all hardness, and if I have said or done any thing to hurt your feelings I wish You to be so Kind as to forgive me. That is, to be understood, that the brethren Kiss the Brethren, and the Sisters, Kiss the sisters.

February 28th 1847 —————— Church Meeting ——————

—————— At this meting Elder Isacher was present and inform'd us, that we would be gainers by an increase of industry, we would be more profited by the blessings we receiv'd, if we would be more careful and economical in things Spiritual and temporal. —————— Father William said we might look for tribulation and sufferings, for God would purge this Church, and there should be a pure people here.

We were recommended to observe and Keep more particularly our own order in our intercourse with Young believers, to treat them With brotherly Kindness when necessary duty threw us in their way, but it should be our duty to Keep our own order, and not seek opportunities of cultivating needless familiarity with them, it would be injurious and unprofitable to both, and contrary to the example in the East. ——————————

—————— We were then Kindly requested to labor to be reconcil'd to the gift that was for us in all things, and not give way to find fault, or be dissatisfied with that which was thot best for us by our Spiritual and temporal leaders. If we would let them arange matters and be resigned, without murmuring or complaining God would protect and bless us in our incomings and outgoings, in our Basket and our store.

Meeting Closd.

March 1st 1847. —— Kept in remembrance of our holy Mothers Birth. We Kept the day as a Sabbath holy and devoted to the Lord. Part of Mothers Life as written at Harvard in 1841 was read in the Family meeting at 9. O. clock meeting A. M. —— In our 1. O. clock Meeting Mother was present and bless'd us. The recollection of past favors receiv'd, and the present blessings begot a feeling of grattitude and thankfulness, and we promis'd Mother that we would be faithful and Keep and obey our most Holy Faith. The aged Covenanted together to Keep the order of God, and strengthen the hands of the beloved Ministry and Elders, and lighten their burdens by their reconciliation, Obedience and example, they bless'd one another, and they bless'd the Young, and bless'd and thank'd Mother. Mother on her part bless'd her Children, and set a seal of her Love on each one of them and said it should remain with them. The spirit of prayer

was present, that repentance, with a broken and contrite spirit might be obtain'd. —— A band of holy Angels now enter'd the holy Sanctuary and a flag staff flying, and on the flag was the appearance of a Key, and above the Key was written "Try", this gave encouragement to Keep in the Labor until the point was gain'd. The Spirit of prayer and supplication was much encourag'd, and confidence recommended, and the honest hearted would experience a satisfactory answer to their sincere desires for an increase of Good.

The Meeting Clos'd.

March 7th. 1847. —— Church Meeting ——

Sabbath —— Elder Brother open'd Meeting, (after the introductory Anthem), by observing" that he hop'd all were mindful of the great privelege we enjoy'd in this day, in coming together peaceably and unmolested to offer up our offerings to God. He said we might covet earnestly the best gifts — there were many gifts, the gift of tongues, and of prophecying and of teaching &c &c but these might fail & vanish away, but the gift of Charity would never fail, and for this precious gift we might labor; and if we would labor in true faith and confidence, he had no doubt but we would receive an increase. —— ——

—— Brō Jefferson Shannon attended with us from South Union, and brot a store of precious Love from Mothers Children in that place, and also we receiv'd a supply from Water Vleit, and under the cheering influence of such a gift we commenc'd meeting in good earnest, and soon the good Spirits fill'd the assembly with joy and blessing somewhat beyond the ordinary flow of good meetings - Freedom and Love and Comfort and joyous hilarity seem'd to be the order

of the meeting, And the Cry of "Bless the Lord I am happy" sounded loud and clear above the singing and dancing and all the tumult of the oupouring joy. ——————————————— Eldress Molly came in, and brot with her a branch of the tree of Union for Bro. Jefferson to take home with him, it was loaded with golden Apples, one for each one at S. Union, And with it we all sent our Love in these words,

"Bless the Lord I am happy". And after bowing in thankfulness for the blessing receiv'd, Meeting Clos'd.

Church Meeting ——— Sabbath ——— March 28th 1847. ——— After some excellent counsel from Elder Brother Eli, it was announc'd that the meeting room was full of holy Angels who had come in order to bless Mothers Children and minister to the faithful the precious gifts of God ——— Father William and Father James came also and Father William said he had a few words to speak from Mother, and he desir'd us to treasure them up and remember them. She says" "My dear Children remember this is your day of harvest when it is your privelege to gain a substance in the blessed gifts of God ——— they are now flowing in a rich abundance from the heavens continually, but this will not always be the case ——— . It will be but a little time before you will meet with persecution and tribulation they will surely and suddenly overtake You, and there is nothing which can enable you to stand firm, but for you now to gain a substance while it is in your power and it is freely offer'd to you. If you are wise and improve your present privelige, You will not fear nor be faint

hearted. But the day is near by when you will need all You have gain'd, yet if you are industrious and honest You will be able to go on safely and Securely thro' all the powers of darkness that will oppose you. ——— ——— ———
——— Remember the day draweth nigh when thousands shall call on you to Know the way of life; and then how wretched will you be, if after all you have recev'd you have nothing to give. How will you account to God for your abus'd privelege. Therefore it is that I so earnestly intreat you to treasure up the blessings which are so bountifully bestow'd upon you. ———
——— There is a state that I have seen which to me looks and feels to me very weighty. It is the state of one that seems to himself to be travelling in the strait narrow way in union with the brethren and Sisters who are truly faithful and by daily self denial are travelling in the right way. Such souls apparently and especially to themselves appear to be nearly in the road but Knowing all the time that they are not quite right. Their road seems to give more room for the carnal sense a little more room only and seems to run nearly parralell with the true path. But it deviates a little and little by little untill finally they are found entirely out of the way and going another road. And as time rolls on they find they are hardly united to the body at all, that they have imperceptibly strayd and seperated from the true straight track, at the time hardly Knowing it, untill they have no just and true relation as members of the living body. ——— Let all examine themselves well on this point and Keep their relation snug and close to the body, by obedience and that will give strength.

April 4th 1847. —— Church Meeting —— —— Sabbath ——
———— In the beginning of this meeting we receiv'd the
Love from the brethren and sisters from North Union thro' the
medium of Hugh McQueed who paid us a visit of a few days.
After this the Angels present set a table in the middle of the
room coverd with Spiritual food of many kinds "viz" "Bread of
Life and wine of the Kingdom" &c &c. of which we partook liberally ——
—— After this we receiv'd a gift to spunge one another with which
we complied in the true spirit of the gift. At the close of this
An Angel sang an Anthem beautifully as follows, "Hear
O hear the holy Angels Hear O hear the holy Angels sounding
sweetly sounding the jubilee trumpet —— Rejoice O my Children
sing and be glad for the great day of jubilee has come ——
Lift up the trumpet and blow blow blow the strong blast
long and loud and raise the glad sound on high the
gospel the glorious gospel of eternal Life and free salvation
the everlasting truth is given to men. Soon very soon will I
call my sons from afar and my daughters from the distant
Isles, turn ye to the North and sound for behold my sheep
are scatter'd far and wide, and turn ye to the South and
blow strong and clear the blast that shall awake my sleep-
ing sheep and call them to the fold O it is a glorious
day a day of glory and of strength and power when the
trumpet of peace shall sound thro' distant Lands and
wake the nations — my work shall go on and my strange
work shall be executed and thousands shall flock to
my fold and tens of thousands to the light of this glo-
-rious gospel of eternal Life and free salvation ——
———— I saw on the earth a bright
and glorious light rise up strong and brilliant as the sun-
It shin'd bright for a little time and then almost vanish'd

but soon I saw it again and it was now divided and in-
stead of one there was a great many. Again I saw again
and all was dark save one little spot and there the light
stood still, but soon I saw bright lights shoot out like stars
and they spead and illuminated the whole earth and
their brightness extended to all nations. After a little
I seen again and they cover'd the earth in the form of
rainbows dispensing light to all around, and on
these bows there stood thousands and tens of thousands
of Angels. And the light shewd the world fill'd with wick-
edness of all sorts and kinds. And the angels say to us
cannot you all bow the knee and pray to God to suspend
the judgments for a little season untill the blind see
and the stupid understand and comprehend their
duty that peradventure they may yet turn and find
the salvation they need, for tribulation and sorrow &
grievous sorrow is meted for all the inhabitants of the
land and repentance and sincerity can only save
them from the utter destruction that awaits the un-
reconcil'd and the unrighteous who now inhabit the
earth. Again ~~I~~ said "The holy Angel of peace
and Judgment says the gospel is free — all things
are now ready — every one may have their fill, there
is a sufficiency and that without difficulty.

But the day will come when this will not be the
case: Death Judgment and eternity will meet
all and blessed is he that fills his baskets
with the good things which are now offer'd to all.

Now is the time for every one to see to it that
his cup and basket are full while the gifts of
God are flowing and the mouths of the faithfull

me fill'd with Kind and tender counsel.

April 11th 1847 Meeting to day was comforting and there was much good ministration. The aged and inform were call'd upon to receive the Love and blessing of the young and middle aged, and they bless'd them and thank'd them for faithfully Keeping the gospel and there was a reciprocal feeling of blessing and Union. _____ There was a company of the Angels of light present who came prepar'd to encircle us all with a beautiful chain of Love. _____ _____ Father David was present and stated that now was our time to gather strength and good, for now it was in our reach, and peace and comfort was for us.

But he warn'd us that the day was near at hand when we would feel tribulation that would try our souls.

April 13th 1847 After the hymn was sung Elder Brother observed that he felt impress'd at this time particularly with the Shortness of time allotted to us in this state of existence _____ How soon will the Sun rise for the last time _____ Do we realise it as we should. If we did, he thought we would agree with him that we had no time to lose, we should not put off intill tomorrow that which should be done to day _____ It was dangerous to procrastinate _____ _____ He said the way was sure but straight and narrow and if any thought to carry a load of self will, and self pleasing and self indulgence along they would Surely stick fast and be wedg'd up, and not be able to go with the rest. Many seem'd to carry such a load a great way and when it got very heavy almost insup-portable they wonder'd what was the matter, and they sometimes seem'd to grow so dark that they really did not Know what the

difficulty was, and when they were Kindly told, they were offended and would not believe it. We warnid all present most feelingly to avoid such a state as the describ'd. _____

_____ No one can travel in this work with a Spirit of insubordination to the Leading influence in the family. All feelings of that Kind would render travel impracticable, and all should look well to their goings and remember time is moving Swiftly. _____ There is an abundant Store of good in readiness for us if we will Labor for it and Strip for the race in good earnest as good Soldiers. Our meeting was comforting and a geneal good feeling prevail'd, and after many edifying displays of the givings of the Spirit we retir'd to our rooms.

April 25th 1847 In this meeting we sent our Love to the East by the Beloved Ministry who expect to set out this week for their visit to that Country _____ Meeting at the holy Sanctuary was Solemn and cheering, but nothing Special occurr'd; But in the evening at Singing meeting the outpouring of the Spirit was uncommon. Mothers Love flow'd in streams to fill the Souls of all her children with joy and blessing; with a Kind promise from her of help in time of trouble and distress. _____ By an inspir'd one she sent a bright Jewel from her hand, and we also receiv'd the Love of our heavenly Father. _____ The Prophecying Angel was present, and Stated that at the South he saw a dark cloud, in the East darkness and distress; In the South West much blood and Damage, and in the North bright light, and a promise that in the North the gospel will open, and be a blessing to all Souls who desire its blessed influence. _____ By inspira-

tion it was stated that the tree of mercy and forbearance, planted before the door of our new dwelling was full of fruit and we were requir'd to go and gather the fruit and distribute it to all in the house; to those who were in meeting, and also to all in the rooms. In conclusion the meeting was crown'd with many precious presents from the Spiritual world, and much freedom and Love was manifested, with much encouragement to persevere in the good and pretty way of God.

May 30th 1847. 6hh. Meeting _____ Sabbath _____

_____ Meeting Comment'd after Singing the Anthem by receiving Love from N. Lebanon and Waterlict, brought by the Ministry and the two visiting Sisters Prudence Morrell and Eliza Sharp. Moreover as Bro: Ashbell had just return'd from a visit to the Lakes a fresh supply from North Union was roll'd out _____ It was announc'd that the Angel of Blessing had come to finish the blessing which we had just receiv'd from the East and North by a gift of Love from Mother Ann which we also receiv'd _____ _____ After meeting had continued some time with power and energy an inspir'd one was call'd to go to the glorious City, and when he arriv'd there he found a great company just starting from there to come to our place, on a visit of Blessing and encouragement, and among the company was Father David and Mother Ruth and Elder Issachar _____ The Ancient Father was present also, and had accompanied our Ministry and the two visiting Sisters from the East. The meeting was remarkable for an uncommon flow of Love: It was sent in Sacks and baskets, and one large handkerchief was sent full of holy gifts

and heavenly Spirit which was also pour'd out amongst us

It was Stated that with the Ancient Father Noah there was a great many Ancients who had liv'd there on this ground, but who had been long gone before us into the Spiritual world; And they all pour'd on us their Love and blessing, whereupon we bow'd four times in thankfulness for their rich and precious gifts. _____ There was a very strong ministration this the whole meeting and it was fully felt, as it was effectually minister'd, that all earthly Kindred relation would fail and perish and could not endure, but that the Love that binds Mothers Children together in one holy band of peace and union is enduring and permanent. _____ Much was said in testimony going to prove the Sincere thankfulness felt by the Brethren and Sisters toward those who had gone before us in the work of God, and faithfully Kept the way this all opposition, and transmitted the same to us perfect and pure to this day. _____ A company of holy Angels now appear'd who blew their trumpets in joy at the progression of the work of God in the world, and they requested us to unite with them which we did first turning our faces to the East, then to the South, then to the West, and lastly to the North.

This being accomplish'd, after a few words of appropriate Counsel from the Ministry and Elders the

Meeting clos'd.

June 5th 1847. _____ Saturday Evening _____

_____ This evening a communication was read to us given by the Prophet Isaiah taken from a plate found in the holy Sanctuary. It testified that God was about to visit the earth

with sore judgments in consequence of the wickedness of the inhabitants

That war pestilence and famine should visit the Land — that storms and tempests should destroy by Sea and Land — that Earthquakes should shake the earth in divers places, that Towns and Cities with their inhabitants should be swallow'd up — that Sorrow and mourning should be experienc'd in all the Land — that food should be cut off from man and beast — that they should wander up and down desiring food and should not find it — The call to Zion was to be in readiness to receive such as should be prepar'd for they should be sent from the ends of the earth and gather'd out of all nations such as desir'd to be Sav'd — The Prophet declar'd that the Angels and ministers who were commission'd to do this work, would come into our holy Sanctuary at Sun rise in the morning and they would be glad to meet with us, and they would help us and bless us. Accordingly at 20 minutes before 5 in the morning we all attended in the meeting room — Sung an Hymn — Kneel'd — blow'd on our trumpets, and bow'd — Elder John remark'd that we should reverence and respect the day we liv'd in, and the privelege we enjoy'd; And it was our privelege to be thankful for the company of the good Angels and blessed Spirits who had condescended to call and unite with us — We should manifest our thankfulness by Keeping the fear of God, and remember their kind notice —

June 13th 1847. — The holy Angel Nikalen visited us to day and brot the Love of God and of our holy Mother. He stated that he was commission'd to do a work on the earth among the Children of men, and that God would yet display his power among them to bring them down. His Counsel to Zion was to bow low and Keep low

and they might escape the awfull judgments that were approaching the earth. I see now" says the inspir'd one" the whole earth in great commotion, rolling together like a Scroll, and the inhabitants involv'd together in one common ruin, suffering general and thorough destruction. O! the awful trouble grief and distress which universally prevails. O Ye children of Zion, bow the Knee and cry to God for his protecting power _____ With the Angel came a company from the holy mount bringing to each one of us a dove, (emblem of meekness,) from our holy Mother, she says they will be a protection to us. Each one is requested to feed the dove with Love and faithfulness. ___ _____ They also brought of the fruits of heaven a liberal supply for all the brethren and Sisters that all may be comforted and refresh'd. The Brethren and Sisters now sent their Kind Love to White water by the Angel who said he should visit that place soon, and that they should feel his holy Power — His work is to visit the earth with conviction, and he says from this power they shall in no wise escape.

June 20th 1847. Father Williams being present at this meeting he asked the Young people to prize their privelege _____ recommended them to be up and doing ____ put their hands to work and give their hearts to God ____ be diligent in things temporal and Spiritual _____ By being faithfull in these duties they would gain Victory over the flesh _____ Examine yourselves day by day to Know whether You improve Your time as You ought to or not; And much other good Counsel did he give to strengthen and bless the whole family. He show'd how to keep power over evil

by Obedience to our visible Head, and said we might have confidence that all things would be finally order'd right for the upbuilding protection and blessing of the body on Earth if the Subjects were simple and honest in their duty.

Elder John express'd his thankfulness for the timely ministration of good and recommended Keeping the fear of God as the only safe and sure means of keeping a gift thro' a laborious harvest which was just about to commence.

The whole meeting was comfortable and edyfying.

July 18th 1847.—Chh. Meeting——— Sabbath ———

——————————— Meeting commenc'd as usual. In the early part of the meeting an inspir'd one gave to all the Young in particular a most Solemn warning; and requir'd them to turn Square round from their present course and find and Keep a more just and true relation to the people of God. They were put in mind of the inestimable treasure it was to be able to present before God a Soul in a state of strict justification, and how awful the condition of those were who strove to hold the gospel in one hand and the flesh in the other. For such it was impossible to please God.——————————— Many of them express'd their thanks for their privelege, and testified good faith expressed their belief that the warning was true and faithfull and that they would profit by it. There was almost universal union express'd with the gifts, and a sincere disposition evinc'd to wake up, and improve every privelege to the best of their understandings. Every one was invited to be active and free in the worship of God, and to Labor for any gift they might feel they needed, or to speak any thing they might feel. Many good resolutions and fair promises were made by the Young and with

much apparent sincerity. They promis'd to Keep the least and the greatest Orders of Mothers house, and to Keep them in Spirit and in truth. The middle aged were requir'd to state their faith and determinations, and by a living testimony and a Corresponding life to be a strength and support to the Young. _____ Father William was present and in Union with the beloved Ministry he and they that were with him would give us their Love in three mild shouts. And an inspir'd One Sung and declar'd That Father had in his hand a lighted Candle, and with it had Kindled the light of God in the house, and promis'd that every Sincere Laborer in the vine Yard should gain that which they Labor'd for.

August 22nd 1847. ____ Sabbath. _____ Chh. Meeting. _____

_____ After the Anthem, the meeting continued on by an Appropriate introduction by Elder Brother Eli, recommending Union in the freedom of the Spirit, and union in Laboring for the gift and power of God. _____ An inspir'd one cried out that he saw the Spiritual world open and the Ocean of Gods goodness in motion, and the waves of the goodness and mercy of God were rolling over the assembly, and all might receive of it that were prepar'd.

All were Kindly invited to be vigilant and on the watch, and Know of a certainty, that God would truly effect the purpose he intends. That this part of the Vine of God would soon have to pass thro a scene of tribulation and Sorrow and all would find it as much as they could do to Keep their Union and relation. But all by Obedience and faithfulness would be able to stand and find their certain and sure inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. All were warn'd most feelingly to avoid the sin of unbelief, and be careful not to indulge that reasoning faculty

which would be glad to reason away all the truth in the gospel ——
——— Mother being present said, those who indulge in vanity will lose their Labor, but all who will be wise to govern their tongues and avoid Vanity shall find their interest in the gospel.

Let every one see to it that they make no use of vain Language, there must be an increase in all these things, And the fear of God is now requir'd in a special manner of every one, every word should be season'd by the fear of God. Gods mercy is boundless, and the gift now is to come out and be seperated from the vain follies of time; there is an increasing gift for all, to come into, and all must bridle their tongues, and neither scatter weakness nor the gift of God. We are accountable for the use we make of all these things ———
——— At this juncture, all Kneel'd and humbled themselves and pray'd for the power of God, and that in patience they might bear affliction and tribulation. All have good reason to walk humbly and low, and who does not can never see the Kingdoms of God. All are requir'd to Keep the fear of God, and be simply honest and never speak so as to wound the feelings of a brother or Sister. Thus Mother Labor'd with us, and gave us much good counsel, and tho' her inspir'd instruments she most feelingly warn'd all to stand firm and low and quiet in Spirit. ———
——— Another instrument said that God had open'd the way for all to find an inheritance in Gods holy Order, but at the same time inform'd them that if they expected to reign with Christ and Mother they must also be reconcil'd to suffer with them ———
——— Let none rise against the Lead; why not give credence to the testimony of the truth, Peace and everlasting life is found in being reconcil'd to the lead ——— The holy rock of the pure waters of life which is standing in the aisle is now flowing out in a pure Stream, and extending all tho' the house and all may wash and be clean if they will. All

Kneeling wash'd in the Stream ——— Unbelief O shake it off, it is a curse and calculated to ruin the soul, all should put it away, and Labor to gain a reconcil'd Spirit mild and quiet, such a Spirit will be own'd and bless'd by our heavenly Parents, while a contrary Spirit will stumble and fall ——— An instrument now said "I have seen Mother passing thro the Sanctuary seven times carrying in her hand a torch of fire, and her counsel is for all to be wise and improve their privilege now and see that all is right within. She weeps and says that there are some in the Sanctuary who are not safe in their present state, but are in danger, and she prays them to turn their course. She says if any think to go in the indulgence of their own wills, they little know the ground they are on. O that all might improve their day, and not fall away and be destoy'd. Mother requires that we all Kneel and pray to God to enable us to sense our own true state and standing. She show'd the numerous ways and means the enemy had to ensnare and trap Souls and destroy them

She weeps over the negligence and inattention of her children when they are in much danger. If we are wise and walk in the true path of Self denial we are safe and protected, but if we grow careless and inattentive the enemy takes the advantage.

She gave a Book to each individual, and in it they might read that which they had said and done thro the day; and all are requir'd to read it every night; Let them look over it every Evening in retiring time, and they will discover their fitness or unfitness to make an acceptable offering in evening meeting.

August 29th 1847: ——— Sabbath ——— Chh. Meeting ———
——— After the Anthem was Sung

Elder Brother remark'd that he felt an increasing Love for the privelege he had in the gospel as he advanc'd in years, and recommended to all to labor for a spirit of freedom and Liberty of Spirit and to be lively and active in the worship of God. _____ In the beginning of meeting a large company of holy Angels came into meeting and the burden of their ministration was to warn all to gain a reconcil'd Spirit: And for all the middle Aged, and aged to be sure that they set a good example before the Young in all they said and all they done.

They requested all to ask themselves, whether they did never do or say any thing against the order of God. They said strange as it might appear, it was possible for souls to remain in the gospel a great while and not gain a true and living relation to the body, for none really have a true and living joining but such as are truly reconcil'd. Those who are truly subject in Spirit and in truth are the true and living members of the body and none else.

And they warn'd all most feelingly that the time was near at hand when those who were half hearted and unreconcil'd in their spirits would be seperated from the faithful and have to find their union with those without, Yea, they shall go out forever who slight and contemn the goodness and mercy of God.

They said those who indulg'd a spirit of insubordination minister'd a spirit of rebellion and enmity often when they did not know it, or intend it, but as all the evil effects flow'd from it just as if they had intended it, such would be held accountable for the evil done. The meeting was principly occupied by the Labors of that Band of Angels, and when they retir'd the meeting clos'd.

Sept 19th 1847 Saturday Evening

Our visiting Sisters B. Morel and Eliza Sharp

attended meeting this evening, there was much power and involuntary exercise, and a visit from an Indian from the East sent by Mother Ann. She brot many beautiful white balls and Mothers Love for all the family; this was given to the Ministry and by them distributed to all the rest.

Also she brot a gold chain and plac'd it round the necks of all Mothers first born in this place, and by it fasten'd them to the Head. Also she brot a cross and star for all who had faithfully war'd against the flesh, and a chain to encircle them together, with an order not to overstep the Chain.

Sept 19th This day being the last we should have an opportunity of Spending with our Eastern visitors there was some precious givings of the Spirit_ Visions &c. One instrument saw a fire Kindled in the North and spread over Zion, and in its progress it burn'd up every thing oppos'd to the pure nature of God. Another saw the Love of God descending on the people which also had the appearance of fire and would consume every unclean thing, and all were warn'd to see to it, for nothing evil could stand in this day of the visitation of God. Father James was present and Strengthen'd and encourag'd the faithful to persevere.

Father David was also present and stated that industry went hand in hand with the progress of the Soul in gospel travel. He said that no one who was idle, could gain much, or find much power over evil. If they would slacken in one they would also in the other; And he strongly recommended hands to work and hearts to God. The remainder of the meeting was occupied in taking leave of the Sisters Prudence and Eliza, and in sending Love to the East.

Oct 10th 1847. ——— Sabbath ——— Chh Meeting ———

——— This day the visitors from P. Hill attended Chh. Meeting and after the Anthem was sung, Elder Brother said he was thankful for a privelege of meeting with the P. Hill visitors, and open'd the way for them to give out the Love from the Brethren and Sisters of that place. After we all made them welcome, and had receivd a bountiful Store of Love from our gospel relations; Elder Bro. obsev'd that our privelege was to gain and maintain a spirit of freedom and Love and bless one another.

At this time twelve holy Angels descended having baskets fill'd with grapes of Love for the P.H. visitors, and on their wings they were coverd with Mothers Love, and while the visitors were receiving their Love, they wafted Love from their wings over the people to strengthen and bless them. They also brot a branch from the tree of Love and all were desir'd to partake of a blessing from the branch as the Angels shook it over the assembly ——— After singing and dancing lively in the spirit for a while way was open'd for all to speak their faith, or any thing they might feel to with freedom. Whereupon much was spoken expressive of Love to our Brethren and Sisters in the South, and to make happy and free and comfortable and at home in their visit. Many express'd their feelings of Mothers Love were to running over. Much was said to cement and unite our souls, and make us feel that Pleasant Hill and Union Village were one in Spirit one in heart and children of the same family owning but one blessed Parentage, acknowledging but one faith, and united in one spirit to destroy evil and build up good each one in and for himself. Be Meeting closd as usual.

Oct 16th 1847 Sat Evening This evening we had the company of our beloved gospel friends from P. Hill. viz. Elder Bro. Edmond and William Maneer Elder Sister P. Lissene Sarah Pool and Sofia Verbrike. ——— In the course of the meeting we receiv'd some notice from the Spiritual world. Our blessed Saviour was present to strengthen every one, and to bless their exertions in Keeping the way of God. One under inspiration saw the state of those who made lies their refuge, and laid their foundation in the Sand. The storm gathering which would try all. He also them who had built on the rock, and the storm came and could not move them, for their foundation was on the reveal'd order of God, and no storm could move them off it. ——— The holy Saviour gave all his Kind Love and blessing. ——— There were also many good Angels present. ———

Oct 17th Sab. Our meeting commenc'd by a free and general circulation of Love. Love was ministr'd from many distant places, and it was joyfully and thankfully receiv'd. Father William Father James Mother Ann and Mother Lucy with a large company of bright Angels were present to help, and all seem'd ready to receive it. All were invited to shake off their fetters and be free. The rock in the aisle had been smitten and the pool was fill'd with living water, that all might be refresh'd and fill'd with good. While drinking of the waters many express'd their Love to the way of God, and thanks to our heavenly Parents, with promises and determinations to be more devoted to the way of God. Father William and company wav'd their Love and blessing over the people and presented to our P. Hill friends a golden bose fill'd with the pure Love of God, also a branch of the tree of Victory taken from the chosen Square, fill'd with fruit, this branch they are to take home with them for the benefit of their people.

They receiv'd the blessing Kneeling, and while on their Knees

and while on their Knees they also receiv'd the Love of the heavenly host, and of all the assembly present. A beautiful diamond was also given them as a reward for their faithfulness, and a robe of Love clean and white, put on them by the hand of our beloved Mother, they also receiv'd a promise that a large company of holy Angels would accompany them Home.

Oct 31st 1847. ——— 10hr. Meeting. ——— Sabbath. ———

——— After the Anthem was sung, Eld. Boo. observ'd that we had once more a privelege to meet and worship God in spirit and in truth, and labor for the givings of the spirit as it may please our heavenly Parents to grant their blessed gifts; And in particularly this day as we were favor'd with the presence of our gospel friends from Watervliet. After giving them a general welcome, and receiving Love from our distant friends and gospel relations, the meeting progress'd with life and animation, with many encouraging and enlivening testimonies from the brethren and Sisters. Considerable power being obtain'd an inspir'd one saw an exceeding bright Orb of clear light shining in the East, and from thence illuminating the West. At the same time she saw a bright star in the North, and in the South a very dark cloud of horror, sorrow and curse. ———

——— The Angels descended with innumerable blessings for the good and faithful, but testified that sorrow and affliction must yet roll thro the Zion of God in this place and her children must feel it. Yet over all is the protecting hand of God, and his holy Angels to shield from harm and support the true cross-bearer thro all trials and storms of tribulation which may be suffer'd to come over them. And as the tidings from the invisible world was being receiv'd, an uncommon degree of the

the goodness and mercy of God was felt extending thro' all ranks in the house untill every vessel was full and running over, and the United feelings thro' the assembled multitude was thankfulness to God, and to the holy Angels for their strong and glorious ministration of good. In this state of feeling the Meeting clos'd.

1849 August 3rd 1849. Friday Morning.

On Monday Evening July 30th Our beloved Ministry recei'd a letter from the ministry at Holy Mount containing a communication given by our holy Mother Wisdom, the substance of which was, to give us an understanding of her mind and will in relation to the present State and condition of mankind in the world. The intention seem'd to be to let the inhabitants of Zion know every where that it was their duty and privelege to pray and supplicate the mercy and forbearance of God our heavenly Father, in behalf of the suffering and wretched condition of our fellow men in the natural world, who are suffering under the scourge and judgment of God. It declares that they are our brethren in nature, and subjects that demand our sympathy and prayers, that they might become enlighten'd in the true knowledge of God, and come to a full understanding of his will towards them, and thus by obedience thereto become partakers with us in the blessed work of the Gospel of Christs second appearing. In consequence of which, and in obedience to the Order of the Ministry we assembled in the holy Sanctuary on the Evening of Wednesday the 1st of Augst, and the communication was read to the two families of the first and second Order. In the progress

of the Meeting there was a strong manifestation of the power of God among the people, there was present a large company of the holy Angels of Lamentation and prayer, who declard they came to assist us to prepare our minds for the duties which our heavenly Parents requir'd of us. An inspir'd communication was also read in which it was announc'd that it was the duty of all to be prepar'd for those duties by standing before God in a justified State, as no one should presume to appear in prayer and supplication for the lost Children of men, or attempt to ask any favor of God, who had any Sin cover'd or was not in a State of true Obedience and reconciliation to the holy Order of God, or who held any Hardness or jealous or Envious feelings towards their brethren or Sisters of the household of Faith. ——— As the president of the United States had issued a proclamation to the inhabitants thereof to Set apart Friday the third of August as a day of humiliation prayer and fasting, it was recommended by the good Ministry at Mt. Lebanon for us to improve the day in reading and hearing the aforesaid Communication from our holy Mother Wisdom. In accordance with which, and by direction of the Ministry and Elders, the whole Society assembled at the holy Sanctuary at 9. O. Clock on the morning of the third; And after a Solemn meeting and having heard the above mention'd communication they march'd to the Chosen Square, and continued there in the enjoyment, and under the influence of various gifts, and the manifestation of the Kind notice of many bright Spirits and holy Angels together with our holy Saviour and Heavenly Parents.

The Messages Warnings and Counsels

given by instruments under the influence of divine inspiration are, as well as could by Memory and Notes be retain'd are as follows. viz. ——————————

———— On our way to the Chosen Square there is a Spiritual tree planted, Yielding much Spiritual fruit.

Under this tree while we were on our Knees Supplicating our Eternal Father for our distress'd brethren of the human family, the holy Saviour announc'd himself in our midst, thro' an instrument under the influence of inspiration. His word to us was, "The heavenly powers and influences from on high are Lowering and gathering upon the inhabitants of the Vine of the likeness of God in this place; and it is my fervent request to my people that they now unite with me in sending up their Sincere Supplications and heartfelt prayers to God our heavenly Father in behalf of the wretched inhabitants of this earth, that the awful judgments of God which are rolling as a deluge over the face thereof, may be stay'd, and that they may have space to repent, and turn to God, and that his Salvation and peace may reach them". After this address the assembly arose from their Knees and pursued their march to the Square.

After we had arriv'd at the Square, and had wash'd and bath'd and drank at the holy Fountain of the waters of Life in the midst thereof; the same instrument who spake under the tree, again spake and said, "I feel myself lifted far above every other influence save that of divine inspiration, and declare my Saviour openly, and that he is now ready to bless every prepar'd Soul in this assembly with a Spirit of humiliation and supplication to God for the poor lost children of men; that the rolling

deluge of Judgment which is now sweeping the earth might be stay'd untill they might have space to repent and turn to God and find his mercy and Salvation. Altho the enemy is ready to cast in his influence to bind the Spirits of Tions Children, Yet our blessed Saviour is ready and able much more to bestow upon us the Spirit of freedom and perfect independence of all the wicked influence of Bondage." ——————

—————————— Again, the Saviour says " It is from no other source than that of divine goodness that we are enabled to claim any exemption from the horror and misery which is now filling the earth, We may not presume to arrogate to ourselves any degree of worthiness by which we have escap'd it. If it had not have been that our heavenly Parents, and many Saints who have gone before us have pray'd and intreated the mercy of God in our behalf, when we could not pray to Gods acceptance, we should never have experienced the blessing and protection we now enjoy. Yea Know and be assur'd, that thro' the intercession of our heavenly parents, and those worthy Spirits who have gone before us in the holy way of God, has it been that we now enjoy his blessing and favor, and are bless'd with his everlasting gospel and enabled to escape his consuming judgments.

Therefore O Tion open your hearts of compassion and tender mercy and pray our blessed Father and Mother in the most profound humility for the releasement of the poor Stricken Sons of men, that they may have room and space given wherein to repent, and come to the Knowledge of the truth, and be blessed with everlasting Salvation and peace; Even as the cries and intercessions have been made on your behalf by those who have gone before you, and but for which ye never would have enjoy'd your

present condition, but would have been left in the deplorable state, in which the wretched inhabitants of the earth are now shrouded." I will" says the holy Saviour at this time pour upon you the Spirit of freedom, and give to that Spirit the gift of utterance according as every soul may be wrought upon, which have assembled on this holy ground; and they shall be able to pour forth their supplications aright to the Father and Mother of all goodness for a lost and perishing world." And again " It is the will of the heavenly Saviour that we should call to mind the promises and rewards which we have been bless'd with by our ever blessed Mother on this occasion." "If we pray in sincerity for the lost Children of men, we shall one day feel amply rewarded by seeing them flock to the Tion of God for Salvation and Safety from his fierce wrath, and behold them gladly embrace the everlasting Gospel, and enjoy all the goodness of God, and be fill'd to overflowing with his blessing.

No good Spirit who has receiv'd the blessing and power that we enjoy from the wells of his overflowing goodness, can behold a sight like this without feeling a thousand times rewarded for all the Labor tribulation and Sacrafice they ever made to secure this great blessing to the children of this lost world. ——————

[illegible] —————— An instrument declar'd that in the holy Sanctuary when we were on our Knees in prayer to God he saw them ascending in the form and appearance of moving bodies; And again at the close of the meeting the same instrument saw a flight of Angels, coming from the East and seem'd as tho' they were going on, but suddenly they took a circle and then stop'd over the Assembly. I saw something like a mist which seem'd to intercept them in their

progress which send to cause them to stop. After they took their stand they made it known to me, that they were in waiting for the last prayers and petition of Zion in this place, to convey to God our heavenly Father. ——————————

iii*c ii-1 —————— Thus saith the Holy Message bearing Angel, "So I have come to increase and spread peace, and bind up the broken spirit, to save the lost and recall the wanderer. Behold I have come with the mighty Angel of power, and many angels of Lamentation, and the trumpet sounding Angel of God. It is the desire of the holy Saviour that all Zion Unite with them in low supplication and prayer for the lost Children of men, that they may receive the light life and power of his salvation, and that the hand of desolating Judgment may be stayd. But to you Oinhabitants of Zion, hear my words and forget them not saith the Angel of Power; while your supplications and prayers are spread abroad for the nations of the earth, mingle not Your spirits with them, in vanity or any thing contrary to the divine will of your heavenly Father; but let your Charity extend to receive them in Love and tender mercy, —— Again saith the Angel if there be any here who are doubting or unbelieving hear my warning word unto you, Repent and turn quickly from the evil of your doings, that it may be well with You but Know ye from this time that if ye Knowingly and willingly disobey or turn your backs on the way of God, his heavy hand of Judgment will rest upon your heads, this the Angel repeated three times. Again I heard the Saviour say I have come not to destroy the inhabitants of the earth, but to seek and save the Lost, for why should rend in Jacob, or Smite in Israel; But turn O turn ye wandering flocks of time, return to the pastures of Your Shepherd for why will

will ye wander on dry and barren mountains and die.

I say many are the Sheep and the Lambs that will yet be gather'd to Zions fold, therefore pray ye that the Sound of the gos-pel may reach their ears, and that their Souls be enlighten'd by the Knowledge of God, for my Lambs are wandering for nought, and the flocks are smitten and far dispers'd abroad; But pray ye for them that they be gather'd to the fold of their true Shepherd and wander no more ——— This day Says the mighty Angel of Power will I place a Seal of witness on the right hand of every Soul that will hold forth the Same in the presence of the Angels of witness, for Soon will they re-turn to the heavens with the prayers of the Saints, and place their Seals in the hands of Jehovah ——— The instrument Cries out "I See the air dark with the fowls of the air and they are destin'd to feed on the flesh of man. ——— I heard the voice of the mighty Angel crying with a loud voice Saying "Why Shall mortal worms of the dust exalt themselves above their Creator God, behold all flesh Shall become as grass and all earthly Strength and beauty be cut down as a blighted Flower; for the power glory and majesty of Jehovah Shall fill the whole earth, as the waters do cover the Sea, or the Sand cov-ereth the Shore. These words were Spoken by the mighty Angel of power, turning with his right hand extended to the four quarters of the globe. ——— ———

——— Another Instrument declares that when assembled in the holy Sanctuary and twelve Brethren and as many Sisters were desir'd by the beloved Ministry to go to the tree of Mercy and forbearance growing before the door of the principle dwelling house in the Village, and gather from thence Some of the fruit, in order to distribute among the Brethren and Sisters; She Seen them gather the fruit in

abundance, She saw them carry it safely into the Sanctuary and they cover'd the brethren and Sisters all over with it; and moreover she saw twelve holy Angels accompany them to the tree and from thence to the Sanctuary, the Angels also gather'd of the precious fruit, and shower'd it from their golden wings all over the people. She says" I saw many holy Angels, and heard many Solemn words. I saw the glory of God, and its brightness extend all over the Chosen Square, with such dazzling Splendor as I never before saw spread over mortal beings. I saw the holy Angel of power weeping over some of the young and inexperienc'd who were engag'd in vanity. I heard them exclaim aloud O Ye chosen ones of Israel ye Shepherds of my people, warn the young and inexperienc'd to be Solemn and fear God, for said he, it is a day of Solemnity in the heavens. I also saw him weeping over some of the Spectators who were indulging in unseemly levity. ——— When we were call'd upon to sound our trumpets to the four quarters of the earth, I saw the holy Saviour place a band of Angels at each quarter of the Chosen Square to receive the Solemn Sounds and carry them quickly to the nations of the earth. I also saw on their bright wings true Repentance and healing balm. The holy Saviour desir'd us to Kneel down and pray that they might receive it right ——— Near the close of the meeting I saw two bright Angels, each one of them holding in their hand a beautiful box containing gold Leaves, on which was written the true Sincerity and Solemnity of each heart; they were to be given to the beloved Ministry by the hands of the Angels, to be by them distributed among Wisdoms Children. And this Witness testifies she never saw and felt so much of the power of God before. ——— When I saw the Angels start to carry the tidings to the nations of the

Earth they show'd great satisfaction for the intercession of Gods people in this place for the lost children of men. ——————

III. 11 7 P. ——————— One Instrument declar'd that she saw the Angels of prayer come into meeting and Clothe the breth-ren and Sisters with their spirit, and their testimony was that we must be willing to feel sorrow and to wade thro' deep tribulation, and in that spirit must pray to our heavenly Father for the nations of the earth. ——————

III. 7 1 ——————— Another testifies." I saw the holy Saviour put forth his hand into the Pool in the centre of Jehovahs Chosen Square, whereby the waters were troubled and caus'd to overflow upon the assembly at which time the holy Saviour said it was his desire that all might drink and satisfy their thirst to the fullness, with the holy waters of Life; and be mindfull of the goodness of God to them. After bathing washing and drinking again of the sacred waters of Life from the fountain we returnd home — Meeting occupying seven hours —

Aug 5
1849 Sabb. Chh. Meeting was excellent, a greatdeal of encouragement was given by many, and a very excellent spirit reiged throughout.

Sept 23 Sabb. — Chh. Meeting as usual. ——
30th " Chh. Meeting. much power and life among the people

Oct 14th —— Chh Meeting — quite a revival of the spirit. An Inst-rument under inspiration, stated that a company of Seraphs had come to stay with us during this week, to help us in our spiritual travel. Annother inspired Instrument said, that a holy Angel had come among us to root out that dead stupid sense, that would go

1849 to plead that there was no necessity for so much noise and excitement in meeting; and that it would finally abjure all meetings, and settle down in ease and feel very much disturbed if any great commotion was made. ——

Nov 18th Sabb. Chh. Meeting —— Several of young brethren from the Second Family, had a privilege to attend the first meeting. ——

The meeting was very powerful. — the gift of repentance being the chief ministration. Chh meeting was peculiar. Each individual was exhorted to search within, and find the opposing barrier to the power of God in their souls, and labor to fit themselves for the reception of the blessed gift of Repentance. —— Singing meeting in the evening was terminated by the removal of the seats, and a very lively gift of power and outward operations, the commencement of which was ushered in by several of the young brethren going to the Tree of Mercy, and Forbearance, and bringing thence the fruit thereof, and dividing among the brethren and Sisters. — And also by the announcement of the presence of Elder Ebenezer.

It has been a remarkable day for the outpouring of God's mighty power.

25th Sabb. — Chh. Meeting — The Second Family came to meeting, but not being reinforced by the Gathering Order, the Chh. were invited to attend, many of whom accepted the invitation; and we had a most excellent meeting. — The good gift of repentance being the chief ministration.

Chh. meeting was very powerful, and searching. — Yea, the searcher of all hearts was indeed among us, with mighty power, and a very searching ministration. — More so perhapse, than any meeting we have had for a long time.

1849
Decr 25 Christmas.– Chh. meeting we enjoy a great privilege to day, in meeting today, undisturbed by a ruthless and reckless world; and to offer up our thanks to God, and labor for his power to live "holy righteously and Godly in this present evil world".

Elder Bro. Eli, exhorted us in the beginning of our 1 O'Clock meeting, to call to mind the days that were past, when the candle of the Lord shone upon us, and his blessing rested upon our tabernacles; Especially did he direct our attention to that most solemn day and time, denominated, "Mother Wisdom's Visit". This was accordingly dilated upon by many, with frequent allusions to the solemn obligations under which we brot our selves at that time; the conditions upon which we received the mark and seal of Eternal Wisdom &c. by which our memory was refreshed, and we were brought to a more lively sense of the great weight of the gift and calling, wherein we then promis'd to be faithful to the end of our days. Besides this, the meeting was otherwise powerful and annimating, and afforded annother blessed opportunity to gain the living power and gifts of God; for which we feel thankful.

1850

Sabbath– Church Meeting. —— Today, we sang the hymn on prudence, and Economy, which was appointed to be sung in all the Chh's East & West, on the first day of the first autumnal month; we likewise received a large store of love, from White Water, and had a very comforting and lively meeting.

The Hymn.

Glean your Orchards glean your gardens, glean O glean in Godly fear,
With a prudent careful spirit, Save some for the coming year;
For my hand saith the Almigty, I shall wave from pole to pole,
Know ye that the time is coming, You'll have need to save the whole.

Yet my judgments those most awful, I will hold by my right hand,
That my people may take warning, tho I send forth no commands,
Still my hand saith the Almighty, I will wave from pole to pole,
O my Lion do take warning, be ye prudent, save the whole.

Do go forth in might and power, gather fruits and herbage all,
Which is given for life's substance, save of such both great and small,
For my hand saith the Almighty, I will wave from from pole to pole,
Know ye that time is rolling onward, when ye'll need to save the whole.

Fill your garners, bins and cellars, let no place be empty found,
While I send forth my rich blessings, on your fruits and fertile grounds,
For my hand saith the Almighty, I will wave from pole to pole,
Then the slothful, will feel needy, wishing they had saved the whole.

Now take warning, Zions children, do, O do, renew your zeal,
Be more prudent, careful, saving, or my judgments you will feel,
For my hand saith the Almighty, I shall wave from pole to pole,
Then the Earth will yield but scanty, be ye wise and save the whole.

Look ye well, to fence your pastures, and your mowing fields enclose,
See that nought in your possession, lies exposed to waste, that that grows.
For my hand saith the Almighty, I will wave from pole to pole,
Wait no longer, Zions children, now's the time to save the whole.

1850
Nov 17th Sabbath ——— Chh. Meeting. ——— The good visitors from Water Vliet attended, and also Bro Ephraim Frost from White Water, And we were much blessed and strengthened by the Love and blessing they brought from the two Societies where they live.

Dec 8th Chh. Meeting. ——— Sabb. — The meeting was very powerful, especially on the Sisters side. Great power and indignation against the flesh, and a very solemn warning, and admonition by Eldress Sally to the young Sisters. ——— Elder John requested the brethren under 60 and over 15 to assent to the following propositions by the elevation of hands. — 1st not every person professing to be a believer required to have his whole dress in accordance with the order of Believers. — (All hands went up.) 2d Is it not the Elders duty to see this carried out with rigid exactness, and to use first, mild means, but finally, to Effect it by whatever means may seem to be necessary to employ. Unanimously assented to. ——— He then gave the Elders a particular charge to enter into the labor and purge out every vestige of that which savored of the worlds, and every thing which was not in accordance with Chh. Order. And to place every one who refused to comply with strict Chh. Order, out of union until they are willing to fall into the gospel ranks.

1851
August 31 Last evening in meeting. Elder John ministered a gift of increase to gain, which gift in substance was, to labour for charity, and to be as ready to bless, and see others blessed, as we are to be blessed our selves; yea, to rejoice at the prosperity of our brother, and to feel honored when they are honored; just as much as if we were receiving the praise ourselves. Yea, and if a brother suffers, and fails in his undertakings, to sympathise with him, and feel for him; And by no means to rejoice at the misfortunes of any. ——— In this he said, did the true essence of gospel relation exist.

1851
Sept 1st Sabb.— Chh. Meeting, in this meeting, after conciderable of labour, and after having gained a good degree of freedom and simplicity, Elder John, requested the brethren and Sisters, (thro' Elder Brother Eli) to take seats, and in substance addressed them as follows.

"That he felt under some bearing, and could not feel released without saying something on the subject of faith. He alluded particularly to the training of the young and rising generation, and felt anxious that they should get a right start in gospel faith. That now was the was the time to lay the foundation for a correct faith; for the young mind is susseptable of receiving correct impressions, or, it is by a wrong set, liable to become marred, deformed and crooked."

Therefore, it becomes those of riper years, to labour to have this correct faith, in order to minister it to others; for those who have a faith, that is not according to the standard taught in the Mount, and teach the same to others, they lay a foundation for a greatdeal of suffering for themselves and for others. For all whom they wrongly teach. &c. &c.—

1852 Sabbath Day.

March 27 The gifts of God are very precious, every gift of God is precious, when partaken of in thankfulness. —— I was thinking of the worship of God, and the worshipers. Some seem to think if they can gain an outward power on their mortal bodies, that, that is all sufficient to entitle them to a name and place of a good believer; but I differ with them in my sense of what entitles me to a good believers name. I feel that it is little difference what my gifts may be, if I have not simple childlike obedience, I am very much lacking in the essentials of what constitutes a good believer.

Bro. W. Reynolds.

1852
June 20th Sabbath..... Chh Meeting. A day long to be remembered by every good believer. Our goode visitors, the Ministry & Elders from the East being present. Elder John opened the meeting by expressing his thanks in a very appropriate manner, for the greatest notice and blessing ever bestowed uppon Union Village, in the present, kinds visit. ..... He next opened the way for our goode friends to bestow upon us, their rich treasures of love, and other goode gifts with which they were ladened. ..... Elder Rufus spoke, & was followed by Elders Asenath. Bro. Amos, Sister Betsey, Elder Bro Daniel & Elder Sister Eliza..... They then proceeded to bestow upon is a boundless store of love, blessing, and precious gifts.— We then went forth in the dance, and songs, and soon the spirit of freedom and life flow'd freely, many of the good brethren and Sisters, overflowed with love, and the blessing flowed from our good Gospel friends and Parents; and many expressions of thankfulness and joy, resounded thro' the Holy Sanctuary. Every few minutes, some one or more of the good visiters would present us with some additional love and blessing, or some precious gift, which would infuse the blessed feelings feelings of heavenly comfort into the meeting; Elder Rufus rolled out to the singers his precious love, which was, of itself, a fountain of joy and blessing. He told us in meeting, that Mother Ann used to say, that a religious devil which was afraid to make good promises, and bear a testimony of their faith, was the worst of devils..... Brother Amos presented us with a golden chain, or chord, which was wound around the wrists of the eastern Ministry and Elders, and was to be attached in like manner, to the wrist of every believer in the west. This was a very precious gift.

Sister Eliza Ann gave us a beautiful present of spoons, to eat love with; They were from Bro Isaac N. Youngs; and very acceptable. They gave us a profusion of fruits, and a sack of Pearls from Mother, by the Natives, from whom we also received a great many sweet nuts.

We also had a check from Mothers Bank, for every branch of the western Zion. — Among the great variety of fruits we received, may be mentioned Apples, Cherries, peaches, Strawberries &c &c.

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June 20th We had also a folde of Gold Leaf, upon which was written each ones name and the likeness of all our Heavenly Parents engraved. ——— This was a memento of love.

Much inspiration was also in the meeting, and altogether it was such a privilege, as we do not enjoy very often.

July 18th Sabbath Day. ——— The following is a short extract from a letter sent to Mary A. Jennings, from the East, which are some of the sayings of Mother Ann, and others of our first parents.

Mother Ann said, Labour at all times when you have a privilege to worship God, to gather of the substance of the Gospel, to lay up for your own souls, and to give to others; and not to be fixing your clothes, to take out a pin or to put one in unnecessarily; but have your souls devoted to gain the gifts and power of God. ——— She said, when she set out to seek the Lord, she dare not have her mind on any earthly things, but gave her whole soul and body, to labor for the saving power of God, ——— Mother taught her children to look pleasant and not be of a sad countenance. She would say, "Be solemn, yet joyful; as having nothing, yet possessing all things". Mother herself, always looked pleasant, tho' when she sorrowed, it was enough to pierce ones heart to see her, yet she never looked sad; even when reproving with the greatest severity, she wore a sweet and heavenly smile.

Jemima Blanchard.

When Father James received favors from those of the Believers who were rich, he would say, smilingly, but with an expression not to be mistaken, "I wont be bribed." ——— Sister Jemima was present, when one of the Believers said something provoking to a man of the world, and the man struck him. Father James reproved the Believer, and told him, that if he had been killed in consequence of what he had said, he would not have been a martyr for Christ.

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July 15th One day Mother went into the diningroom, and went to the table which had not yet been cleared off, after the people had eaten dinner, and went to picking the bones and scraping the plates, and said; "The American people are so full fed that they have not learned to picke their bones, and clean up their plates, as we English people have. ..... The Kitchen Sisters offered her some warm victuals, but she replied, "You need not bring any, for I have made a good meal of what was left on the table.

Sister Deliverance Cooper, said, when people went to Mother about little petty trials, she would gently wave her hands, and say. "Let it pass let it pass, and labor for the gifts of God".

Sister Elizabeth Jewitt, said, Mother taught them, to leave off eating with as good an appetite as they had when they began.

Sarah Crouch said, She heard one of the first Elders say, that no soul can travel one step in the way of God, only in tribulation.

Sarah Burt, said, that Mother told her, that she would find her carnal nature like an onion; She would strip off one covering, then another, and then discover another, and then another, and so on untill she got to the core.

At a certain time when Abijah Wooster was at Watervliet, he was under extream tribulation, which he opened to Father James; When Father looking steadfastly at him said, "Abijah, you lived in sin more years than I did; I was called when quite young, and you committed atleast as much sin as I did, and I did not get thro' without feeling the judgments of God, and you will not: And when you have passed thro' under judgment, you will feel your soul wholy given up to God.

Mother said, "God does not look upon creatures according to their lost natures, but according to their desires of God.

Father James said, notwithstanding the Gospel is now so dispised, the time will come when it will be the most blessed sound that ever reached the ears of man, that mankind may repent. ..... At another time she said, no soul can ever be saved, either in this world nor in the world of Spirits, but thro

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July 18th who do as we have done, confess and forsake their sins. – When I was in my native country said Father William, my occupation was in the Kings service, & I was an officer in the highest company of the regiment of Grenadiers. I wore my scarlet coloured clothes, and long hair, down to the waistbands of my trowsers. I walked the streets with my cain, and I always ment to treat mankinds well, but I would not take a misbeholden words from any man. Mother Ann sent for me to come and see her. I went, and she spoke the words of God to me, and I was convinced that I was a lost soul; I said to Mother, what shall I do? "Go and throw up your commission, (said she) settle up your affairs, strip off your pride, and then come to me." I went and did as Mother said, and dressed myself in mean, low apparel; and when I walked the streets, and people saw what an alteration there was in me, they mocked me, they ridiculed me: Yea, little boys not more than seven years old, would throw dirt at me, and abuse me, and I dare not speak one word: and was not this enought to kill old Adam? I found I had been a wicked man, and I put my hands sharp to work in the day time, and labor'd for God's gifts and power in the night season, and repented. I washed my face with tears, till I felt God speak peace to my soul".

Father James said, "When we came to America, we had nothing but our hands labour for our support. Foxes had their holes, and the birds of the air had their nests, but we had not where to lay our heads. We believed in the promises of God, and that we were sent here by him. I saw the day then that I would have gone twenty miles on my hands and knees, to have seen one person in America who owned the way of God..... Father James once said to some who had been to see them, and were about to return home "..... Had you seen your losses as you now see it, you would have destroyd your own lives. See how the mercy of God has come to you, and shown you the way of life and salvation.

You will never travel out of your loss only by repentance. If you repent, and obey the Gospel, it will make you thankful, and joyful, and sorrowful. How can souls be more deluded, (he said) than to profess to be christian members of Christ's body, and live in sin..... Let Ohio, and congregation, all of them meet together, and go forth in those works which they practice in secret, and they would cry out with confusion of face, and say, this is not serving God.

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July 18th Priests and people, professor and profane, would say, "this is the work of the devil;" were it not for a false hope, that mankind are traditionated up in by their priests and teachers, when they heard the Gospel, they would become penitents.

At another time Father James said; "true faith, is to believe believe a thing to be, what it really is".

Mother once said to some who were about to be sent out as laborers with souls, "Take your swords, and see that they have two edges, and not when you have preached to others, you become castaways. Take care of yourselves.

The last time Jemima Blanchard ever saw Father James, he said to her, and a number of others who were present, "Never throw yourselves away, tho you be fallen ever so low; it's never too late to cry to God." Bro John Robinson said, that when Mother deceased at Water Vliet, Father Eleazer Rand and Elder Abiathar Babbit, dug her grave, & Bro Abijah Wooster made her coffin.

Father James said, "there lie my two friends, that came from England and I would to God that it was his will, that I lay here with them".

Father William said, "All the good that a wicked man does, is remembered in Heaven and he will be rewarded for it."

Sabb— Chh Meeting. Much life and power, many good resolutions expressed, and good determinations declared.

Aug 15th Sabb— Chh Meeting. The whole society assembled to bid farewell to our beloved Eastern friends, Ministry and Elders; and receive their parting blessing.

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Jany 2 Sabb— Chh Meeting, quite lively and powerful. And attended by good Angels, who ministered some excellent gifts to us. Much good testimony was born by many of the young people, stating their good determination to set out anew, and begin with the year to do better than they had ever done before. On the whole, it was an excellent meeting, fraught with much good.

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Jany 2 We received from the good Angels a Book, of Conciencee into which we were to look every morning thro' retiring time, and compare our days journey with our good faith; and by this means, always keep in the path of peace and safty.

May 22 For some weeks past, it has been a time of revival, or heavenly visitation in the Chh. at Union Village, it is confined principally to the younger class of both Sexes, but there are more of the female youth influenced by it than of the male: but so far, it has had quite a salutary effect, both on parties, and especially, those more deeply engaged in its exercises; causing many to feel the need of opening afresh their lives, by honestly confessing their sins.

The bodily exercise among them, under spiritual influence, is very beautiful and Angelic - It operates mostly in shaking the bodies of those under its influence, shaking the hands and arms, bowing, and raising the arms in a gentle and graceful manner, timing of music, crossing the hands, and raising them above the head; and again violently jerking heads, arms and hands: But in the main, the exercise is quite beautiful.

Young females from 14 to 18 years of age, leaving the ranks, when we are in the order of singing, moving gracefully to and fro, up and down the aisle; dealing out love in divers ways, by shaking the hands, crossing the hands, & swiftly flying in imitation of the Angelic orders. ——— And what makes it still more impressive, is, that it is done in silence: no loud boisterous threatnings of judgments, but do, do, do the work, each one for one, seems to be written in the actions of every one who is under the influence of the spirit.

June 5th What a change has recently taken place in the Center family among the youth boys. ——— Some weeks since, they used to congregate about the Cooper Shop, and often have on hand, some kind of disorderly doings, which often destroyd their peace and protection; & also brot a great burden on the Elders.

June 5th But now, as I said, (what a change) They are now seen after supper in an orderly way, in clubs of two or three, or more, wending their way towards the old Office, there to pass the time untill meeting, in learning songs, speaking their faith, and exercising under the operations of the power of God.

I have attended these meetings twice, and was greatly edified each time: Surely this is a very extraordinary gift; And I pray that it may long continue amongst us: untill our youth are all baptized into the true faith of the gospel.

But I feel that already, there are some of them who begin to show signs of being weary of so much restraint, as this work is leading them into; I fear that some are tired of the gifts of the spirit, and I think would be glad now, if they never had been led into such mortifying operations.

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June 12 The young people are still exercised by spiritual influences.

" 19th Sabb.—— 6th Meeting was calm, solemn and soulcheering.

Heavenly and Angelic operations were prevalent among the young people.

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This day we are to keep as the day of Yearly Sacrifice, wherein we are all required to open our minds and represent our state and also to make known our resolutions for the future.

29th At the intiration of the old year, we had a very beautiful gift, which was to be specially kept for one week: The gift was to greet each other with a smile; to look pleasant and cheerful, & take comfort in the way of God.

any 29th This gift was ministered by Elder John. and cordially united in by all the Brethren and Sisters; and was kept by the faithful.

At the coming in of the present year, perhaps the first Sabbath, Elder John had a special gift for the Chh: And said that perhaps the Brethren and Sisters had been feeling out what his gift was, and intimated, if any felt anything special, they might bring it forth. ——— When several went to whispering, and some spoke out, of what their impressions were, in regard to what they believed Elder Johns gift was going to be: but they were quite varied in their impressions; and of course none were exactly right.

At length he relieved our suspense, saying, that perhaps what the Brethren and Sisters had been impressed with might be concidered as part of a great whole, and verging into the thing which he was going to propose: But what he felt was, That we all labour to let go a fleshly relation this present year.

Nothing could have been wider from the general guessing than this was; but nothing could have been proposed to the Chh, that would have met with a more hearty good will, than did this gift, when it was announced.

Many spoke in confirmation of their faith in Church relation, and their abhorance of a one sided partial fleshly relation.

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Nov. 4 Sabbath ——— Chh. Meeting. Today, we were all kindly admonished by Elder John, to labour out of a flesh relation; We said, this thing of a flesh relation governing the Chh, must not, it cannot be tolerated; we, (not all) but some, bowed in token of our willingness to be guided by this gospel sense.

Dec. 25 Christmas. We met at the Meetinghouse at 10 O Clock Our meeting was very good. At the latter part of the meting Br James McNemar felt a gift to speak to the youth, and did, in a very feeling manner. They formed a circle around

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Decr 25th around him, then marched a song, and then listened with attention to his address.—— After this Elder John felt a special gift to speak, which was particularly addressed to the young Sisters. He spoke at concidera- able length; but to sum it up, in substance, it was a most solemn warning; He warned them to be ware of the deceitfulness and treachery of man; He did, in a most solemn manner, expose the baseness of that fleshly nature in man, that knows no bounds to its gratification, and which in its fierceness, seeks its victim, with all the subtlety of the viper, and leaves no artifice untried, no snare untouched, that will enable it to accomplish its desires, and the utter ruin of its victim.

It is to be hoped, that this solemn warning may never be forgotten, by those who were favored to hear it. After this address, the meeting closed.

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Sabb—— Chh Meeting. A very good one. After we had been in meeting a time, Elder Wavy was brot in to give us some of the treasures of love, and good things, which he had brought from the East; having just returned from there the evening before. He was full, to overflowing; and gave us freely of all he had; for which we felt very thankful; as we do on all such occasions. and returned home filled.

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July 13th Sabb.—— Chh. Meeting was opened by Elder Br^o Aron, in a very feeling manner, acknowledging his inability to do anything of himself; but he felt entirely dependent on the gift of God.

He also feelingly admonished the young people, to see well to it How they rose up in judgment against the leading gift of God, *

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* to judge of their doings, for said he, how can ye judge of a thing that you know not of, if ye did know all about it you would think quite differently.—— Bro Oliver also spoke at concidarable length to the

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July 13 Same import, adding, that we should be very careful how we indulged in a sentiment to the following effect: That for one, I mean to go right on until I feel convicted for it, myself. But, said he, if we do go on in this line, of judging the gifts before us, we must know the end will be ruinous. ——— Will it save a man that has taken poison into his stomach, to say that he was ignorant of the effect it would have, will it not be as likely to kill him, as if he were wer so well acquainted with its effects.

So it will be with those who go on talking as they please, until they are convicted of its being sinful. ——— Elder John read a beautiful Poem (A Prayer) written by sister Hannah Agnew, And then spoke at some length on the necessity of every one feeling an interest in the gospel. He said, it was the privilege of none to be indifferent, there was a work for all to do. The meeting was filled up with singing, dancing, and speaking.

Augt 31 Sabbm. This meeting, to day, was quite good, a good testimony held up against all evil.

Dec 28 Sabb. ——— In this meeting to day, Elder Bro. Aron said, he once had a sight of the progress of the Chh, and there was nothing of a high self importance, that influenced any part of the body, but a spirit of meekness and dependence seemed to pervade the whole body. How many of those who now constitute the body of the Chh. may see that day I know not; but one thing I firmly believe, Brethren and Sisters, and that is, that that day, or state of the Chh will come. These words Elder Bro, spoke with much feeling, and it was united in by the Brethren & Sisters generally.

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June 14 Sabb.... Chh Meeting very good. Elder John spoke against a disinterested sense, moping about doing little or nothing, & not being united to the body; And said, he would much rather that such ones would not go forth in the dance with the faithful, but go, and take their seats, and not unite with the rest.

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Jan 17th Sabb.... Chh. Meeting very good, had considerable speaking and very interesting, on the necessity of making ourselves agreeable to one an other; and to live in our rooms agreeably together, and to make sacrifices of self to that effects, &c &c.

" 31st Sabb.... Chh. Meting.... Meeting passed off very well; And in the course of the meeting Elder John counseled us to strictly follow Elder Brother: and we proceeded to gain quite a gift in that process. We gave flesh relation a hard dismissal. Old relationship is to be done away with.

July 11 Sabb.... in Chh meeting today Elder John warned us against the flesh, (with great zeal) and its many ways of creeping in and taking possession, before the stupid soul is aware.

He says, there never was a time when the enemy of souls was more busily employed, than at present.... Our meeting went off quietly, and all seemed thoughtfull, and seriously thinking about it.

Aug 22. Sabb.... We have just returned from a meeting at which the whole Society was assembled, and where much good counsel was given on all subjects connected with the gospel. — Meeting continued 3½ hours, and was well attended.

.... (About these times, there appears to be strong efforts making to introduce a dangerous Heresy among believers, from a certain quarter.)

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namely, the duality of the race, which may all be right, Spiritually; but unregenerate man, in his dark and fleshly state, always is aspiring to states & conditions, in advance of his travel; This was mans first crime. "To be as Gods" before the time, was mans temptation, and his crime; is the way that one of our early poets expresses it. ——— But Jesus said, whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her, hath already committed &c. But the advocates of the duality, say, they do not look on the opposite sex to lust, but for a pure high and holy purpose; but, up to this day, what, what I would ask, has been the final issue, with all who have went in for this one man and one woman relation, did it not always end in the common, and natural relations of man and wife. Yea.

For one I mean to hold to the good old faith, which was first taught, which was, to lay the axe to the root of the tree, and never cease hewing, until the last fiber of a carnal nature is cut down and rooted out. ——— The watchwords in Zion, now seems to be, to war with the flesh in all its forms, And to do what we do, to the honor & glory of God.

——— Chh. Meting ——— In consequence of a protracted drouth Elder John, previous to his leaving home for North Union, requested that the Chh would pray to God for a good rain. We all Kneeled down and prayed for rain. Elder Brother, then had a feeling to have the young people under 20 years of age, come out in the center of the meting house, and have the more aged pray for them which we done as feelingly as we could. ——— Bro Harvey Eades said, nothing gave him more pleasure than to see young people set out in the way of God, with full purpose of heart, to go through. And on the other hand, nothing gave him so much pain, as when young people sold their birthright, and turned away from the way of God.

Remarks by Bro Wm Reynolds

Emily Hampton, (now Elder Sister at the Second Order) said, she loved the spiritual relation she had with the people of God far above her flesh relation. Eldress Sally embraced her, and called her, her spiritual Sister &c.

Ashbel Kitchel, in a very feeling manner, addressed the more advanced brethren and Sisters, on the subject of the example that we should set before the young and rising generation; he said if we did not walk perfectly before God, in the

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July 30 Gospel, and set forth the beauties of it by a godly life, we could not receive, or lay claim to, the reward of the righteous.

As we were returning home from meeting, the rain began to fall in scattered drops, and clouds were passing over our zenith, and thunder in the distance indicated a rain, and it soon rained a light shower, and then cleared away. Altho' we felt grateful for this notice, yet it by no means supplied our wants. At 10 Oclock at night, it commenced raining in earnest, and rained a copious shower, of two full inches, this seemed to answer all our wants: Surely this was a very great notice of God; and calls on all good believers, to praise God for his kindness, and goodness to us ward.

Aug 7th Saturday Evening Meeting..... Elder John gave us a very solemn lecture this evening, in our family meeting. Said, he was willing to be judged, and receive the merits of his works, from that order before him. Said, he desired no sympathy, but desired justice. ..... Said, whoever looks on a woman to lust &c. adultery with her in his heart &c. Said we had forsaken the gift of God in our Elders, and had made Elders to ourselves of those who are enemies to God. &c.

22 ..... To day the whole society met in the meeting house; the meeting was well attended, it lasted 3 hours and twenty minutes; There was not much laboring, the time was mostly taken up in speaking. The speaking was mostly done by Elder John, who spoke at great length on various subjects relative to the faith of believers We dwelt at conciderable length on the order of God, as established in the Ministry and Elders; Said it was wrong to honor man, but to God, honor is due; advised all to be careful, and not pin their faith to the sleeve of any mortal; but to let it rest in the gift of God; and be careful to obey in all things, only, where sin is taught by the lead. Advised all to be careful of rising on the judgment seat. To allow ourselves to sit in judgment on that order before us, is a dangerous thing. that order is sacred, and if there is anything wrong, or out of place there, let it alone,

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Aug 22 God will see to it, and attend to it in his own time. ——— He also spoke at some length in relation to the order between the sexes; said there was more true love and respect among believers, between the sexes, than ~~any~~ where else, said that those orders of restriction, between the sexes, was to bind the things that ought to be bound; and to the truly devoted, and pure minded, it was no bondage, but was freedom in its purified state. ——— Told us we must never seek opportunities, for a male and female to be alone together: Told us it was contrary to the orders of believers, to be whistling about the house, or the place any where; Also, that it was disorderly to have loud talking or laughing, or to be boisterous with cattle, &c &c.

" 24th Sab. ——— Chh. Meeting ——— A spare turnout of brethren and Sisters to day, but a good feeling pervaded the the assembly. After Br Oliver had spoken relative to the great worth of a privilege in the Gospel, Bro Thomas Embree spoke, to this effect: "I have been thinking brethren & Sisters, for several weeks of saying something to the young people in meeting, but owing to the embarrassment which I always feel in speaking before those who are older than I am, I have deferred it, and in order to get rid of the burden of mind, I proposed to myself, to say something in our own meeting at home, where there would not be so many to hear, and where I could speak with less embarrassment than in Chh. Meeting. But still, it appeared to me that this would not do so well, as in that case, many of the young would not be there to hear

"Now I do not know that I will be able to say what I want to, or satisfy my mind: but I will try: ——— In the firs place, there is nothing that stands between my soul and God, but sin, and that barrier will eternally remain there, unless it is removed. In the next place, the gospel is designed to remove that obstruction; then there will be nothing to seperate between me and God. ——— Now if I shoud refuse to allow the gospel to do its perfect work in my soul, this barrier never could, or would be taken out of the way.

"A few Sabbaths ago Eldress Sally said she was glad that the gospel was no easier than it was. ——— I have thought a good deal on this subject since that time; for it

Aug 29 "often appeared to me, that I would be very glad to have it a good deal easier
I had much difficulty in seeing, why, the way might not be made much easier
and I be saved too; But one one day, since, this was opened clearly to my under-
-standing, on this wise: If sin is all that seperates me from God, and nothing else,
and this Gospel is calculated to destroy that which is sinful in me, then if I do submit
to its purifying influence, I will be freed from sin, and be one with God, and for this
that it will require the whole gospel to do this, a part will not answer. Then I
was satisfied that it was necessary for the gospel to be just as it was; I could see plainly
that if it were any easier, then, after the gospel would have consumated its work in my soul,
I would still need something else to finish the destruction of that buried, Sin. ——
I can see plainly, that all the crosses I am required to take up, are necessary to destroy
this selfishness in me, that I may be one with God, as Jesus expressed it. "I came not to
do mine own will, but the will of the Father."

Sept 12 Sabbmmm Chh. Meeting was opened by the Elders & Ministry leading the
way in bowing twice. Elder Aron then said, he concidered the message privilege a great
one, to be thus noticed by the presence of the Ministry from Holy Mount. Then
we all joined in saying; You are welcome good Ministry. Elder John joined appre
batingly in Elder Brthers feelings, and so did we all.mmm The New Lebanon Ministry
then gave out the love, passing up and down the aisle, the brethren to the brethren &
sisters, then changed, and brethren to sisters and sisters to brethren. Brother Daniel
then said he had something from the young people at Lebanon, which was, a
promise that they would keep the way of God, and go through to the end. We
readily united with this promise, without much outward demonstration, but with
sincere inward feelings.mmm We labored two songs in Holy Order, then marched
two songs. At the end of the second march Bro. Oliver proposed to Elder Bro.
to sing the Ministry a welcome song, which had been prepared for them; to which
Elder Brother agreed. the song was quite lively, and appropro, and was sung
several times over with a real good hearty thrill, which, between the song and
the Godlike appearance of the good Ministry, there was many a tear started
from eyes which have long been tearless: then was the hand stealthily raised

Sept 12th to wipe away those fast dropping water balls; but the soul was wounded by the love of God, and those tears of joy, mingled with sorrow refused to cease their gushing: God bless them; let them gush on and on, and continue to gush, until no eye shall be tearless, or no heart unstain by the softening influence of the spirit of God. ——— Can I forget the solemn feelings which I felt, which those men and women of God impressed me with, when they came out to receive the welcome? They did not, by apparent disapprobation despise the tribute which flowed from grateful hearts; nay, but they thanked us over and over again, for so much notice and respect as we paid to them; said they did not feel worthy of so much; But said they would labour to have this humble them and keep them down. ——— Eldress Betsey said, she felt greatful to her parents in the gospel here, who had helped keep the way of God pure; and to the middle-aged who had taken hold of it and were devoting their all to build it up. And to the young, she said, there was much to encourage them to take hold, said there never was more to encourage than just now. She said now do let us be cheerful and look pleasant. Sister Eliza Ann spoke much to the same import, said she felt unworthy of so much notice, but felt that it was a reward for her faithfulness in the way of God and said she mint to continue on, and be more faithful. ——— Elder Amos said, he too united with those expressions of thankfulness to his parents in the gospel in this place, felt that many souls in this place had received a true planting. Said he never saw a time to be more encouraged than now, never saw a better time to get hold and renew our efforts in the good way of God. Spoke encouragingly of the young people at New-Lebanon; Said there never was a time when there was a greater number more devoted than now at Lebanon. ——— Brother Daniel said, if there were any who thought that the work of God was falling back, or ruining out at Lebanon, they were greatly mistaken, for among the young, especially at the Center Family, where he had lived & been brought up from a child, he never knew of a better prospect among the young, than now; he did not think there was any one but what could feel free enough at any time, to come out and bear a pretty sound testimony against the flesh.

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Sept 12 and all wil. ——— He encouraged the young here, to bear a testimony; and set forth its advantages in his own experience; Not that he expected to be understood that he wished to hear a display of oratory; that was not what was wanted; the feelings can be spoken in a few words, and when done in sincerity, always is a blessing. Said he, dear friends, let us have our minds exercised on spiritual things; by so doing, we court the presence of good Spirits, and Holy Angels. ——— Said he, brethren and Sisters, we must all be faithful, there is no place, or station, that will save any of us in unfaithfulness: If we do not keep our order, God cannot save us, no matter how forward a station we my be called to occupy in the work of God. ——— Some may say, they cannot see why the Gospel does not save all. But dear friends, the Gospel will not, it cannot, save any but the honest and obedient. I know the gospel will save me, if I am obedient to it; but I can turn round and give way at any time, become defiled, and sink under condemnation and lose my birthright.

Elder Amos said, we ought to labour for spiritual things and be spiritually minded. ——— Said, they had the love of Good Eldress Asenath, which was the best, and they had reserved it to the last. ——— Eldress Betsey said, to gain conviction, (Mother Lucy said) we must be thankful we had done as well as we had, and try to do better; and be cheerful, and try to take comfort in the way of God. ——— "There is comfort for us all, dear friends".

We had a beautiful visit in the Meeting room with the Good Ministry, to day. O! it was so soul cheering, and reviving. All were disappointed when the time came to part; but the good Ministry comforted us by telling us we should have another opportunity.

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Jan 2nd Sabbath ——— Ahh. Meeting to day was excellent. After a time, the Brethren and Sisters took the opposite sides of the house, after which many good testimonies were given by Brethren and Sisters, and many good resolutions taken; we feeling it to be a good time to take a new start with the year.

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Jan 23d Sabbath ~~~~~~ No Chh Meting ~~~~ Weather too cold.

We had an extra privilege to day, in our family meeting: Brother Daniel Boller, and the South Union Ministry attending with us. Bother Daniel, gave us the love of the brethern & Sisters at New-Lebanon, together with the love of several other societies. He spoke very beautifully, and encouraged all to be faithful, and be sure to take the first step right; and that, he said, was to confess every sin, and weakness of our fallen nature. ~~~ He said, he seen some among us who looked too proud and fixed up; he spoke of the danger of any tying to imitate the fashions, and the manners of the world; told us not to be building up pride, which was the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. He wanted us to keep our privilege in the gospel above all things, and gradually be climbing up out of an evil nature, still rising higher and higher from evil: He spoke of the danger of souls becoming lifeless, and falling from the way of God; and of the awful feelings brought upon those who done this. He said, he knew many, who, had they all the riches and the glory of the world, it would not compare with their former condition, and would be willing to give it all, could they retrace their steps.

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30 Sab ~~~~~ Morning Meeting, 9 O'Clock.

Both Orders of the Chh. met at the meeting room First Order; Brother Daniel Boler being present. After singing a hymn, Bro' Daniel steped forward, and said our songs were good, and filled with excellent promises, and good faith: And after some farther observations, he said; He expected all were

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Jan 30th anxious to hear the result of his present labors, and said he had labored to do, what he had done, to the best of his ability. &c.

He then proceeded to tell us, that Elder John had several times desired to be released of his burden; and through his earnest entreaties, it has been concidered. "He is released, and Elder Bro. Aaron Babbit will take his place, this will leave a vacancy in the Elders Lot, which Brother William Reynolds will fill, as Elder Bro. in the Family; all who feel union with the change, will hold up their hands". We done so. And Elder John clothed Elder Brother Aaron with the Mantle he had dropped; and Elder Bro. Aaron clothed Brother William, with his gift. And, after a good meeting, and all being said that was necessary on such an occasion, the meeting was closed.

Meeting at home again at one O'Clock. Brother Daniel Boler with us. Meeting excellent.

Feby 13 ——— Sabb. Chh Meeting.

Elder Bro. Williams desired that all would labor for the Power of God over all wil. Concidérable testimony born. Bro. Ezra Sherman, of Water Vliet, attended our meeting; he gave us the love of the brethren & Sisters there, and received ours in return. Eldress Malinda from the Gathering Order, also present. Elder Brother felt a gift for the young people, to gather into the center of the house and labor earnestly for the overcoming power of God, to enable them to gain that power over their natures which they must gain, if they were ever benifited by the gospel. Many gained a good gift in this labor. Several spoke to good purpose.

April 3 Sabb. Chh. Meeting. Considerable speaking, and a great ministration against the flesh. Near the close of the meeting, Elder Brother William spoke concerning the impropriety of Believers spending their time in reading works that treat on the being of God, the philosophy of the soul, and such other speculative works, as have a tendancy to lead away from Believers faith. The Ministry & Elders all express the same feeling.

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Gospel May 1st Sabb. Chh. Meeting good, but short.
The gift in meeting to day, principally love. Exercise as usual.

May 8th Sabb. Chh. Meting opened by Elder Brother requiringus to examining ourselves, to ascertain upon what ground we stood, whether it was on the true Gospel foundation, or not. He said he felt there was really need of a great increase. Exhorted us to labor for an increase. Before exercising any, we took our seats, and sat in silence some minutes; then listened with interest, to the remarks of several of the Brethren and Sisters, in relation to their faith, intentions &c. — After this, we exercised as usual, during which several more spoke. — We gave the Ministry and Elders our love, and received theirs in return. At the close of the meeting, we sent our love and thanks to Brother R. Pellham, who is going to North Union to live for a time. He was not able to attend meeting with us to day.

May 15 Sabb. Chh Meeting very good. The gift in meeting was for each one, to labor for that they felt the most need of.

May 22 Sabb. Chh. Meeting. The gift in meeting to day, seemed to be principally directed against the flesh. Considerable testimony born by different individuals. — Elder Brother had a very weighty gift, in relation to this subject, He warned us to be very watchful, as it was, in these days, presented in a very insidious form, — A kind of refined spiritualized condition, which was very deceptive.

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May 29 Sabb.... Chh. Meeting. We were warned to day in meeting, to be ware of receiving new doctrines of religion; and it appears that some efforts are making, to introduce some new theory of religion amongst us, by the adversary. But, as nothing of this kind can be tolerated without the approbation of the lead, it was met and opposed, by many strong testimonies against, by all of orthodox faith, as pernicious: And the general feeling among all the right minded, was, we want nothing that will lead away from the purity, and goodness, of the Gospel.

June 26 Sabb.... Chh. Meeting. A special gift for the young to day to come out into the center of the house, and labor for a gift.
Considerable speaking by the young. Very good. .... Also, much good counsel. Strongly admonished to keep a gospel spirit, and not to look to the world for any aid whatever, of a spiritual nature, as they had nothing to impart that would benefit us, That which they had was given them for themselves, and could in no wise benefit the people of God.

July 17th Sabb.... Chh. Meeting. Not much exercise. – Elder Bro. William proposed for us to take our seats, which we did, when we had some singing and speaking; that which was the most interesting was an account given by Bro. Oliver, of a vision which he had received, of an individual who had left the earth, in communion with Believers, but who was astonished at the situation in which he was placed in the spirit-world, it not being nearly so high as he had anticipated. He asked why it was so, and was told that while on earth, he would not forgive, but continually held a grudging coldness towards some of his brethren and Sisters,

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July 17th and that had deprived him of the exalted station in which he might have been placed.—— That he had been taught time after time, the duty and necessity of a forgiving spirit, but had not yielded to it.—— This was given us as a warning.
This is but a synopsis of the communication, which was very interesting.

After this Elder Aaron proposed to kneel to kneel and pray in a spirit of humility, that we might be blessed with a bountiful rain.—— Also he cautioned us to be careful, to not boast that our prayers were answered, &c, but to keep a humble spirit.

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23 Sat. Evening Meeting.—— Early in the meeting, Elder Bro. William said, he would like to say or do something to make the Brethren and Sisters comfortable, if he could.—— We desired that all would labor for some gift, with which we united, and had a very good gift and gained a good degree of freedom. Also, there was a general desire for more spiritual manifestation and feeling, of which there was quite a good degree gained before the meeting closed.

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24 Sabb.—— Chh. Meeting. Very good to day. Elder Bro William opened the meeting by ministring a feeling of thankfulness to God, for his many mercies, both temporal and spiritual. He said we should not murmur because we did not get just what we asked for, or, in just the manner we wished it, but be thankful for what we did get, and feel wholy dependent upon our Heavenly Father for a continuance of His blessings, both temporal and spiritual, especially the latter, and labor in this spirit through the meeting.

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July 24th Sabb. ——— Chh. Meeting. A very good quiet time. as, on Saturday evening Elder Brother gave free liberty for all to have some gift by laboring, each one for themselves. ——— He also said, that he did not wish to unite with such as were ashamed of the simple gifts of God, and took offence at them: But would rather, that such would not unite, but stands back, and have their gift to themselves. So all who could feel free, went forth in obedience to the gift, and had a good time of refreshing; when the meeting closed, and we returned home blessed.

Aug 20 Sat. Evening Meeting. ——— We had a very plain testimony delivered to us by Elder Brother, who opened the meeting by saying that it was a very common saying among business men, that short settlements made long friends, and said, he did not see why this saying did not apply here among us as well; and then went on to say, and show, the necessity of our settling up, or opening our minds frequently, and not get into the habit of letting accumulate, as some did do, until they scarcely knew how it was, and willigly have it so, in order to escape mortification. And he spoke at considerable length to show the necessity of confessing, & receiving mortification sufficient to bind, and finally, destroy the carnal nature. His request was for all to make these accounts so short, as to not admit of our coming to meeting with sin covered. Meeting short, but beneficial.

Sept 25 Sabb. ——— Chh Meeting. Quite a warm gift. Elder Brother opened the meeting by speaking to this effect; That he did not make so much account of what any person had done, when living in the world. But the life a person lived after setting out to be a believer was what he considered

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Sept 25 to be the all important point.—— And it appeared very clear from what he said further on the subject, that some one, or more, had been giving loos reins to corrupt thoughts and speeches, if not actions; all of which was sharply testified against by Elders, Brethren & Sisters. So that this corrupt nature was quite severely roasted. At the close of the meeting Elder Brother spoke and said, "perhaps some will feel to say after meeting, what do these sharers mean by talking so, what is all this fuss about"?

He answered the query by saying, "Dear Brethren and Sisters, it is in true charity that this kind of testimony is proclaimed, that the soul may be reclaimed, and extricated from the influence of this corrupt spirit, and made partaker of a peaceful life, by becoming purified".

And at the close of the meeting Elder Charow spoke, and said, in substance, that the only way to become purified, and made clean, was to go to the order which is appointed, and there bring into judgment the deceitful workings of that corrupt nature.

Sept 25 Sabb—— Some time about the first of Sept. we had a very pretty little gift, which I omitted to note, so it is noted here, being considered worthy of a place in this Journal.

For some time past, there has existed amongst the young Sisters, quite a strong manifestation of a spiritual nature nature, chiefly consisting of sittings, in which they had communication with spirits, moving tables and so forth &c. But one morning, about the time refered to above, at the breakfast table, a young Sister was operated on in this way, suddenly beginning by clapping hands, and saying in a mild, but clear voice, "I love Mother, I love Mother, I love Mother"; and so walking along the Sisters table, taking by the hand another young Sister, whom she requested to say, I love Mother, who, after she had solicited once or twice, complied with her

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Sept 25 Sabb.— Her request at the same time continuing their walk around the dining room, down the Brethrens table, and so on, to their places. This closed the gift for this time. The impression made by their exercise, was plasing.

Oct 9th Sabb.— Chh. Meeting.— After we had marched three songs we took our places, to close meeting. But before dismission, Elder Bro. felt an impression to speak to us concerning our entire dependence upon God for all good, and exhorting us to strive to feel more of this dependant spirit.— Elder Aaron followed in a short address, saying among other things, that he felt an impression to say, "Wake up from your slumbers, and I will give you love".— The ministry then gave us love from White Water, and there seemed to be a real ministration flow from it.— Soon after, a quick song was sung, and we then had a regular meeting with many gifts and exercises.— Much of a gift of love for one another.— A band of Angels were announced to be present who gave us strength and power over all evil.

We gave our love to several individuals, among the rest to Bro. C. Clapp, and S. Russell, who, it is expected will soon start on a seed trip; Also to Bro. Moses Miller, who has been a long time absent on a similar trip.

Nov 20 Sabb.— Chh. Meeting good: a good deal of opperation, Considerable speaking. Elder Bro. William spoke very feelingly, in his clear, distinct earnest way, counseling us to keep our privilege; showed us the state of those the state of those who had traveled away from the Way of God, their condition, both before, and after they had lost their union. He said, before they leave, they feel that they can find pleasure and

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Nov 20 comfort in the world, more than they can find here. When they they get there, they finds that the objects and feelings that they expected would yield them pleasure, fail to fulfill their expectations, and they become the most miserable of God's creation. ——— Many of them become so wretched, that they feel that they would do anything to have a restoration of their union to God's people; but if they do receive another privilege, their way is a great deal harder than it was before. ——— "Brethren and Sisters", said he, feelingly do hold to your first privilege. This discourse was very affecting.

We had love from Water Vliet by Bro. Edwin & David Parkhurst and from White Waters, by the good Ministry. ——— We gave our love to Bro David P. and John Gilden who are to start soon on the Ohio River seed trip. ——— Meeting closed.

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Dec 25 Sabb ——— Chh. Meeting very excellent. Elder Brother opened meeting, as it was customary for friends in the world to wish each other, on such occasions as today, a "happy Christmass", so we might do so with much more propriety, and the expression has a much deeper meaning with us, inasmuch as we are a people who are closely associated, and it is necessary for us to make great exertions to make each other happy. We have it in our power to make each other very comfortable, or very uncomfortable. A person in the world, who has a troublesome associate, or neighbor, can discontinue his association by removing to another locality, but among us it is different, we are bound to our associates, be they pleasant or otherwise, and therefore to be a happy people, each one must labor to make those arround them happy. ——— Elder Aaron also spoke, saying, that as we had to commemorate the birth of our Saviour, it would be a good gift to reflect upon the character of that Saviour, and model our lives after his. He spoke of the Saviour's humility; advised us to pattern after it; to come into as humble a condition ourselves, as we wished others to. ——— We had considerable

Dec 25 exercise, and some love from Water Vliet by Bro. Daniel Sering, and Philip Antes.—— There was a great deal of love circulating from one to another.—The Brethren and Sisters changed sides of the house, and labored with much zeal, several songs. And so closed the meeting.

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Jany 1 Sabb.—— No Chh. Meeting.—— Meeting at home, both Families. Meeting First Order, very short. Labored some four or five songs. Gave love to the Ministry and Elders, received theirs in return, and then retired.

8th Sabb.—— Chh Meeting—— Meeting opened after the first hymn, by laboring two songs in Holy Order, We then marched two songs.

At the close of the march, Elder Brother spoke, saying, that he felt great union with Sister Naomis gift last evening in family meeting which was, a gift of "cheerful Love" which, he said, he would like to have revived at this time. accordingly we were directed to occupy our own sides of the House, when Elder Brother commenced shaking hands with an aged Brother, (Bro' James Ball) saying, I am glad to see you, enquiring of his health &c &c. immediately the whole assembly united in the gift, and truly we had a cheerful time.

Our unusual amount of laboring in quick time.

15th Sabb.—— No. Chh meeting. Had meeting in Family Meeting Room at 1 O'Clock. Had quite a sharp testimony against the flesh

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Jany 15, Sabb., by the Ministry and Elders: Also, a very plain testimony against receiving from the world any of their trash as food for believers. Elder Brother said, that it was the place of Believers so to live, as to be able to teach them, instead of them teaching us. It appears that some who come in among us about these times, think that they have somethings valuable to offer us, by way of instruction. But it is the feeling of the Lead, that, if we live a right life, a life agreable to the true principles of the Gospel, as originally taught here, we shall be able to teach them the Way of God.—— So believe I.—— We marched, and stepped, and labored in quick time, and had quite a flow of the Spirit among us, and had quite a comforting time.

Many spoke their faith and feelings, and united with the Lead in what they said.

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22 Sabb—— Chh Meeting opened in the usual manner. We sung a hymn, stepped two songs, then marched two songs, after which Elder Brother spoke some in relation to laboring for the gifts of the Spirit. We then took our own sides of the house, and labored considerably in quick time; had various gifts of simplicity; such as drinking of, and bathing in, spiritual waters; bowing and bending, giving and receiving love; and added to this, a number spoke, some expressing excellent sentiments. One, Edwin B. said, he did not see how any one, who had any sense of the Gospel, could help feeling impressed with good feelings, and a sense of thankfulness in such a meeting as this, at the same time expressing his thankfulness for the privilege he had in this meeting. Also, a number of the young sisters were considerably exercised. Towards the close of the meeting Elder Bro requested the singers to sing a song for the youth and children to labor, saying, go fast, for some of you can go quite fast. the song was struck up, and they did labor prettily; yea, it was beautiful to behold. Elder Brother then

Janry 22 Sabb, requested the boys in the childrens order, to stand by and give the room to the youths who live in the house, to labor in the circle, which they did: and soon after this, the Brethren and Sisters gathered into order and sung a hymn, at the close of which, Sister Elizabeth Farr spoke saying, she wished to gather more of this cheerful love, she believed that if we had more of this, we would be more comfortable, and that it would shut out all grumbling &c &c. At the close of her speech, (to which the Brethren and Sisters unitedly responded,) the meeting closed.

Feby 12 Sabb—— Chh. Meeting. Also Public Meeting.

Chh Meeting very good. Meeting opened in the usual manner, after laboring two songs in Order, and marching a song or two, the Brethren and Sisters changed sides, after which we labored a number of songs in quick time, and gained quite a good gift of freedom. We were favored in this meeting with the company of our good Brother John Martin, who, a few days since arrived here from Pleasant Hill, with much love from the Brethren & Sisters there, which he distributed freely. This gift of love increased amongst us, untill all who were capable of receiving, obtained a portion, and we were generally blessed.

Feby 29th Sabb—— Chh. Meeting. No Public Meeting.

At the opening of the meeting, Elder Bro. William announced the receipt of a letter from the Eastern Ministry, which Bro. Oliver read to the assembly; after which we marched and labored in quick time, &c. —— Bro John Martin met with us again and had quite a lively gift of freedom. After laboring some time, Bro. Oliver, and also Elder Bro William, refered to the ministration which was contained

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Feby 19 in the letter which was read, which, in a very pointed manner ministered a strong gift for a farther increase of purification from the nature of sin. —— After Elder Bro. spoke of the purifying of ourselves, many of the Brethren and Sisters spoke, uniting with his testimony. —— It should have been noted before, that early in the meeting, Bro. Peter, and Bro. John, gave us the love from White Water, after first taking a zealous shake.

Elder Harow also, ministered a good gift to us, on the subject of hard feelings towards each other, admonishing all to put away enmity, saying that, whoever held hardness, would only render themselves unhappy.

After this, several Brethren and Sisters spoke with regard to the purifying work before spoken of, Particularly Bro. D. Clapp, and Bro. W. Jennings. Also, E. Bro. William, who manifested quite a strong gift in the Spirit, walking to and fro, saying, that he meant to be prepared to have a testimony by purifying himself first. he believed no one could have a testimony without being purified, and he meant to be able to bear a testimony and do his duty, where ever it called him to act. —— After this, he had quite a gift amongst the youth, saying he loved the young brethren, and took by the hand, and led out into the center of the room, and labored to have them break through and be free.

Just before the close of the meeting Bro. John had a gift of blessing to bestow upon the aged, middleaged and youth, which he done in a very feeling manner. —— We gave him, and also the Ministry, our love to take to Water Vliet. after which the meeting closed.

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Sabb. —— Chh. Meeting. Also Public Meeting.

2 pm. Mothers Birth Day. —— Meeting at home. A good time. Much simplicity and freedom. Some exercise, but most speaking: both Brethren and Sisters spoke: many good ministrations in

Feby 29th divers ways; by speaking, by simple motions Etc. by the aged, middle aged & by the youth and Children.

March 4th Sabb. ——— Chh Meeting, but no Public Meeting.

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" 25th Sabb. ——— Chh Meeting. " " " "

Chh. Meeting very good. A good degree of life, and considerable speaking by different individuals, beginning with Elder Aaron, who had a very good testimony, the substance of which was, thankfulness for the Gospel, which gives power and victory over all evil. This seemed to be the burden of his testimony; a desire to prove that the Gospel, or a life of self denial will yield this power. Many united in confirmation of this truth.

Sabb. 18th March. was not recorded, through mistake.

April 1 Sabb ——— No Chh Meeting. No Public Meeting.

" Meeting in the Family Meeting Room. Bro. Oliver read a Letter, in this meeting, received from the Ministry of New Lebanon, partly concerning the visit of our Ministry to the East this spring: But it also contained some account, tho' short, of an increase of life and power in <u>their meetings</u> these times. Some efforts were made in our meeting by Elder Brother, and Elder Aaron, towards an increase among us in Spiritual life and power. ——— Several of the Brethren spoke in meeting, approbating what was said by the Ministry and Elders. It is to be hoped it will not end here. ——— May the good work go on until all shall be constrained to say, I am satisfied with with the Goodness of God.

April 29th Sabb.——" Family Morning Meeting. Bro. Oliver read a letter from Canterbury, directed to Eldress Sally, which informed us of the the general health and prosperity of the Society. But the most interesting part of the letter, was the latter part, which gave us an account of an increase in spiritual matters; that is, a revival of the gifts of the spirit. It appears that this gift amongst them, points to Humility. Brethren and Sisters, appear to be called uppon, to humble themselves to each other, by acknowledging to each other hard feelings, and wherein they have wronged one another, and rectify those wrongs.

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29 Chh. Meeting. Also. Public Meeting. Public meeting was quite largely attended to day, to hear the new preacher, most likely.

Chh. meeting excellent.—— Meeting opened in the usual manner. Elder Bro. in his opening address, adverted to the subject of flesh relationship, opening the faith on this subject most clearly; to which quite a number responded freely, as he had given liberty for all to speak who felt to. On the whole, we had quite a comfortable meeting; a good degree of freedom and simplicity pervaded the assembly, in singing, marching to and fro, shaking hands and minister ring a good brotherly feeling generally. And after giving our love to the good Ministry, to take to Water Vliet, and a portion for themselves, and they, returning their blessing, the meeting closed.

May 6th Sabb.—— Chh. Meeting. Also. Public Meeting.
The public meetings are very fully attended these times, caused by the fame, which has gone abroad, of the new preacher

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May 13th Sabb. ____ Chh. Meeting Also. Public Meeting.

June 17th — Sabb. ____ Chh. Meeting Also. Public Meeting. ____ A good concourse of people attend the public meeting to day ____ Chh meeting to day excellent.

Meeting opened in the usual manner. After singing a hymn, and laboring two songs in order, Elder Bro. broke ranks, and a mixed labor commenced which continued some time, each one laboring solemnly, but cheerfully, for some time, when Elder Bro. broke silence by saying, "I do not suppose, that all who now on this floor, will always remain among the believers." He then spoke of the blessings awaiting those who had settled the question of abiding for ever, and expressed his feelings of gratitude, and thankfullness, for the great privilege we enjoy'd in the liberty which the Gospel afforded, that we were free to worship God, according to the dictates of our own conscience, & much more to the same import; to all of which many freely responded, verbally; and no doubt, many more mentally. A good degree of simplicity and freedom pervaded the meeting; and, not the least minister, in this simple gift of freedom, was our well beloved, and faithfull brother Thomas Hunt, tho' quite aged and infirm, it was delightful to witness his childlike simplicity, in uniting in this gift. This closed this kind of exercise for the time being; and Elder Brother requested us to take our seats, to attend to the reading of a letter from our ministry who are at New Lebanon.

After reading the letter, Bro. Oliver felt a gift for us to unite in prayer for the prosperity and safe return of our Ministry agreable to their request, before they left home.

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June 17th. This act of devotion attended to, we arose from our Knees; when our much esteemed brother, and former Elder Bro. Eli Wouston, stepped forward to speak; in speaking he very cordially united with all the good testimonies that he had heard, in the fore part of the meeting; while speaking, he walked up and down the alley between the brethren & sisters, asking the love, blessing and strength, of the brethren and sisters, and giving us in return, his love, blessing and strength. All eyes were turned upon him, as he walked to and fro, to witness the simplicity of a truly devoted man of God.—— Here the meting closed, after a greater manifestation of God, than often falls to our lot to witness.

The Letter.

Most dearly beloved Elders, Brethren and Sisters.

Believing you feel some little solicitude relative to your friends now absent in this Eastern land, we would say that we have been blessed and prospured thus far on our journey, arrived safely at North Union, found the people there enjoying good health; left that place for the East, on Monday the 21st Inst. accompanied by Bro. Richard Pelham, as far as Rochester N. Y. where he left us, en route for Groveland, to visit the Believers there. At Rochester, we were met by Elder Daniel Dyer and Bro. John Carrington of Groveland, who kindly paid our fare at the Clinton Hotell, where we tarried over night; as the train for the East did not leave early in the morning it gave us an opportunity of visiting the falls of the Genessee River, of such notoriety at this place, a grand and imposing sight, also of the hewn stone acqueduct that carries the N. Y. state canal across the river; this is a great and noble work.

Turning from these scenes of mere earthly splendor, bustle and

confusion, we soon resumed our journey east, and arrived at Schenectada N.Y. about 2 O'clock, where we were met by our ever beloved Elder Daniel Boler, who bore us company the remainder of the way to this place of quiet repose.

Here we were greeted by our gospel kindred, the Ministry, all together, and many others; all of whom cheerfully and gladly received us, and welcomed us to their homes and hearts, which were filled with love and anxious care for us. Not to our joy, we were also met here by J.D. Hobart, who had called here to see the Lebanon Ministry, and wished also, to see us: We had an interview with him in their presence; John was mild and calm, but had very much to say, and our interview with him, and connected duties, absorbed more of our precious time at this place, than we were pleased with; but, we hope it may do good.

John was treated with a great deal of kindness and tenderness by the Ministry and people here, tho' not as a brother; all of which softened his feelings very much; and seemed for the time, entirely, to disarm him. He left here on thursday the 7th Inst, having been here 2 days previous to our arrival here, on the fifth Inst. and our interview with him was on the 6th Inst. The prevailing feeling of the Ministry and people here, relative to John, is best expressed in the language of Jesus. "put thy sword into its sheath," also, neither do I accuse thee; but go and sin no more." And an index to their council to the people at White Water might be suggested by the words of John the Baptist to the multitude. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh the sins of the world." Also, by the [corrected] of the Poet.

"Speak gently, it is better far, to rule by love, than fear,
"Speak gently, let no harsh words mar, the good we might do here.
"Speak gently, to the erring, know, they must have toiled in vain,
"Perhapse unkindness made them so, O! win them back again.

O! may we remember dear gospel friends, it is the spirit of the Lamb that shall overcome the world. ____ Eldress Betsey gave John a Tract, with this counsel, "take this and remember, that God is Love. & feel it better to suffer wrong, than to do wrong." ____ But we must turn from this unwelcome narrative, to our good gospel kindred; tho' we wish to have all observe the counsel above; can we not all profit by the hints, to speak kindly, and that God is Love.

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Sabb 17 Dear friends, as we here visit our kind gospel reltions of Parents, Elders, Brethren and Sisters, (we have had a good visit with Elder Pregift and Eldress Anna Cole) in this beautiful valley of Wisdom's precious name, we are led back, in spirit, to the day when our ever blessed Mother and her presented little few, were here sequestered and toiling in lonliness, except as they were accompanied by the ministering Angels of God, to plant and establish this blessed gospel of salvation for poor erring man; we look at their successful labors, at the Churches that have arisen and prospered for a time, and ask for the secret of their prosperity. And, we seem even now, to hear the Motherly and gently whispering of our dear gospel parents echoing down through the vista of time, saying, the secret of our success, was by an entire and full devotion to the work of God, making it the whole object of our every toil, and the entire crucifixion of self, and a reliance on the arm of God. _____ Here Mother yet stands with a word of cheer on her lips, and a fountain of love in her heart, sufficient to revive the vineyard of the Lord. We seem to hear her saying, press on my dear children, pray on, toil on in righteousness, and God will work with you and for you. Build upon the foundations that God in Christ hath laid, and no arm shall prosper against you. And here to day, in this same sequestered valley, seems to sit our blessed Mother, where she once toiled and suffered on earth, for the healing of the nations, saying, "I am but your fellow servant, dont kneel to me, but kneel to God".
And, wherever we witness this spirit wrapped as a garment about ~~the~~ her true followers; our souls exclaim, beautiful are the children of Mother, who, in <u>their meekness</u> possess the earth, and whose only exaltation is by righteousness. Who alone inhabit the new creation of God. who crucify the proud and natural man, that they may have of it tabernacle for the indwelling of God: Whose language is qualified with humility, and whose manner is gentleness. Who feel, as they look arround upon their brethren and sisters of the household of faith; "One is your master, and all ye (we) are brethren." How blessed, dear friends, to realize that <u>honor</u> and <u>power</u>, in the new creation of

June 17. God is reserved alone, for those who subdue themselves; and to feel the truth of the sayings of the wise men of old. "Before honor is humility" Ah! to be truly great at all. The secret lies in being small.

One of the many benedictions pronounced by the prophets of old, upon the children of the Kingdom of God, was, "I will turn to my people a pure language." O blessed gospel relations, this purity frees the communications of Mothers Children, from all that fosters or favors the exaltation of self. The language of purity, is the language of love, it never wounds the soul; it is the language of meekness, it never wounds a fellow traveller, it is the language of power, being void of emptiness, of vanity & ostentation, and is a vehicle filled with the wisdom of God. How precious are Elders in the house of the Lord, who are willing to labor together, and who do not chafe together in the harness, because, eachother have different ways of doing the same things — in short, who, in devotion of both soul and body in their works of love, are willing, as was our precious Mother, in this beloved place, to lay down their lives for their gospel friends; and, who feel that Christlike spirit to every brother and sister who is striving to be good, that with all their faults, they love them still. Who toil not as man and woman in the old creation, but as brother and sister in Heaven: Who feel that it is our brother, or, our sister, our precious little one of the fold, for whom we must labor and pray.

Not, it is your Sister, or, your Brother, and I am not concerned for your care. Nay, those who toil acceptably and successfully in Gods vineyard, do not toil in selfishness, nor in loneliness. But brethren toil with brethren, and sisters with sisters, and Brethren and Sisters in union, and all as one, in purity, and these are accompanied by the hosts of Heaven, and when those plant, these will water, and God will give the increase. Thus toiling, thus praying, many souls will be born into the new Creation of God, and the table of the Lord will be filled with guests. ____ Dear Brethren and Sisters, seated here, where the precious little few, who planted the gospel in this land, suffered and toiled, our souls, can but review the small means, to human sight, which have

June 17th accomplished such important results, in establishing the Church of Christ in this nation; and from it we learn a lesson of courage.— We feel that there is today, a growth of the people of God; let each Brother and Sister in Zion put their souls to the work of building up the gospel by a testimony of works and words, by devoting themselves to the work wholy and exclusively, as a holy people, set apart from the world exclusively, for a godly use, with a faith in God, as did our firs parents in this place, and as the working hands of God in the earth, and it will grow up in prosperity, and power for salvation in Zion. There is no necessity for a waining of prosperity in Zion. The same devotion to the work of God; the same seperation from the world; the same brotherly and sisterly union supported that was exercised by our gospel Parents and Elders, when they planted the gospel in this place, are the conservators of success for Zion now: and tho the number in Zion may be as the army of Gideon compared to the multitude, the angels of God will wrestle with them against the hosts of their enemies, and if they only unite, as the heart of one, and put their souls into the work, prosperity and victory will be their portion, and they will be crowned with growing numbers, and power, and love. —— It is a time of good health with our Order, and with the Ministry and people at this place.— The weather is moist & cool, crops look well, except winter grain, which was injured by the winter, and very dry weather in early spring. —— Summer crops are promising, but 3 or 4 weeks later than at Union Village.— We attended a beautiful meting with the Chh. at this place & received bountiful stores of love of which we will communicate a portion in this sheet.— The Ministry in a special manner, wished to be remembered in love to all their dear gospel kindred in the west.

We purpose to leave this place, tomorrow afternoon for N. Lebanon, where, in all probability we shall spend two sabbaths, after visiting Hancock and Springfarm this week.—— Do accept the sweetest & richest of our gospel love, one and all, and remember us in your prayers to kind Heaven.

Ministry of W. O. now at Water Vliet, New-York.

For the Elders and people at W. O.

Sept. 8th Sabb. — Chh Meeting. No Public Meeting.

Chh. meeting very good. The first meeting since the return of our Ministry from the East. They were all present, and gave us the love they had in store. Elder Bro. opened the meeting, by speaking of the special protection that believers were under, while the rest of mankind were continually meeting with fearful calamities. he refered to our prayers for the protection of the Ministry, and remarked that they were protected, and safely returned. After receiving the love from the East, we marched two songs, and danced a circular, then took our own sides of the house, and had quite a gift of love, manifesting it by shaking hands

In the course of the meeting, the Ministry communicated to us their feelings with regard to what they seen and felt while at the East. Said that the Chh. at N. Lebanon were engaged in laboring for love to one annother, and to be kind, and speak kindly, and were engaged in pulling down big B. This, they said, was really what they were engaged in. Which we her believe to be true. Elder Bro spoke and said, that, in faith we might receive of this store of love and blessing, which was brought by the Ministry, and, that all the honest, would be able to receive a portion. and without faith, it was impossible to please God.

Many good things were said, by both brethren and sisters, which, for want of memory, the write is unable to record. But, to sum up the whole we can say, we had a very excellent meeting. At the close of the meeting, Elder Brother proposed to bow four times, in token of thankfulness for the good gift & blessing we had received through the Ministry, and their safe return. For which gift, we all united, when the meeting closed.

Sept. 2 Sabb. — Chh. Meeting; also Public Meeting.

Elder Brother opened Chh. meeting, by speaking of the cause we all had, for feeling thankful for what the gospel had done for us. Each one, he said, who had been honestly engaged in the work, had received something of the promises of God, according to the measure of their zeal. Said,

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Sept. 2 he felt the promises of God fulfilled up to this time, etc.—Elder Aaron then spoke at considerable length: first, with regard to placing reliance in anything outside the true gospel, for salvation. Exhorted all to look to the power in the gospel for salvation, and nowhere else.— Secondly also, in addressing the young particularly, he labored to show them that we desired to retain them here, because we wished them to enjoy a greater degree of good, than they could possibly enjoy outside of Zion.

Said, he knew how the young inclined to reason; that the fact of being created male and female, proved, that they were so formed for the purpose of procreation; and, why not go forth in that, like the rest of mankind? His labors were calculated to show them that, that work, (the work of generation) would, necessarily, lead them down, on to a lower plane, instead of elevating them to a higher and more glorious state of enjoyment. Several others spoke, all of which was calculated to encourage them to hold on to the gospel of salvation. Then the meeting closed.

Oct. 21. Sabb.— No Chh. Meeting. No Public Meeting.—— Meeting at the Family Meeting room. White Water visitors in attendance. An excellent meeting—The meeting was opened by Elder Bro. opening the way for welcoming the visitors, which was done heartily by all, I believe, after which, we formed to march: while in the circle, Elder Bro. spoke, and said, he wished to have the visitors to have a good time, and desired us to labor for a gift: said that if we were willing to pay some toll we might obtain; upon which, we commenced laboring in quick manner, received the love of the brethren and sisters of White Water, from the visitors, returned our love to them; and many went to paying toll in various ways, until we gained a good gift of freedom, and had a very excellent meeting. At the close the visitors marched up and down the aisle, and we gave them our love, and blessing for W. Water when the meeting closed.

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Jany. 6th Sabb. — No Chh Meeting. No Public Meeting.

Meeting at family meeting room. Meeting was opened by Elder Bro. admonishing all to be on the watch tower, each one for themselves, and keep watch of the enemy; particularly, that enemy the flesh; to watch it by day and by night that none are brought under loss by its tempting influence. After this admonition we labored two songs in step manner, then marched, and labored some in quick time. During this time, several of the brethren and sisters spoke in terms of strong approbation of Elder Brothers gift at the opening of the meeting. We were then requested to take our seats: Here we received a gift to show in some simple way, either by coming out into the middle of the room, and by speaking, or in some simple way, manifest our faith and feelings, and in some way, show forth our determination to keep the way of God. After we, (that is quite a number) had united in this gift, and, by mortification, had gained a good degree of simple freedom, Elder Bro. said, this is what I call keeping the way of God, especially, when backed up by a good life.

About this time, Bro. Oliver spoke very appropriately to the young, on the subject of showing respect to the aged, and middle aged, admonishing all to treat with respect (due to them) those who had gone before them, and had, and were, laboring for their good, etc.

Soon after this, Elder Bro. called out the boys to follow the example of two young brethren in gethering up simplicity, or, what ever they could, off the floor, which seemed to excite their risibility, but he continued his gift with them, until all were enabled to return to their seats quite composed; having received some little mortification. Here, after an excellent gift of gospel simplicity, and many sincere promises to keep the first gift which was ministered in this meeting, and a general refreshing, the meeting closed, with, the recorder believes, a general blessing.

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Oct – Family meeting.——Remarks by Elder Wm Reynolds as follows (substantially) ——————

——If we were left to deal with one another, I think we would often use more severity with one another than God uses with us. We would often be inclined to bring each other too hurridly to our terms and be liable to not use discretionary charity and forbearance. Our Example Jesus Christ was a man of great charity to the people in his day. Said he had been thinking of the manner he conducted the case of the woman taken in adultery, here she was led up to him by a set of crafty self-righteous Pharisees and accused of a disgraceful violation of their law; we are all acquainted with his reply to their accusations and how they acted, being conscience smitten there was not one of them that dare stand in the Saviour's presence. They were no doubt all guilty in some degree of the same act.

Now here was charity to the offending woman. "Go and sin no more" We find the same nature in creatures in this day the proud, high minded, self-righteous in this day we find are just like the Phariseis in the Saviour's time they seem to feel as though heaven was made for their use alone and that all who do not toe their mark are to be excluded; but Brethren & Sisters this is not according to the doings of the Saviour, but we ought by patience and charity reclaim the erring if possible.

Although there are many things done by creatures from time to time that God does not approve of. Yet such must have their day and time to work themselves into the Gospel or out of it by their own acts – We can do little in this matter.

The remainder of this Book is made up of Extracts from Memoranda by Elder Wm Reynolds.

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Oct — Exhortation by Elder William. Brethren and Sisters ought to labor to be in their duty and in order in all things. It ought to enter regularly into our plans to so lay out our business as to attend to the meetings of the family (providing to be sure that no great temporal loss was to be sustained thereby) but for Believers to so lay out their temporal duties as to make it apparent if they carry out their arrangements they will dis-able themselves for meeting with their brethren and sisters to worship God — then they are out of the proper gift — The order requires we should be ready and retire at the signal for retirement.

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Apr. 5 — Remarks were made by Elder William as follows

We ought to strive to build upon the rock to have the Gospel faith with us and in us and live it out in all we do and say. I have been lately thinking much on the subject of Gospel Freedom and it appears to me to consist not alone in freedom in the worship, altho this in its place is real freedom but it is not all for; for instance if I am where sentiments adverse to Gospel truths are advocated, and I feel that an expression from me of or in support of truth would not be received but would give offence — then I feel that I am held in bondage through the fear of offending those present — and altho it may be wise to restrain

a testemony on some occasions yet to let a deluge of words and theories overawe me would be intol=-erable and cruel bondage. I wish to live with the people who themselves live in the truth and have no need of falsehood to deceive — or of darkness to cover but who if they err will have the fairness to acknowledge their error and if they have departed from the line of justice will have the humility to confess the same and be willing to be measured by the "Golden Rule". The Gospel has no need of any thing for its support that will not bear the test of examination and the light of truth. For one I will not advocate the sentiments of any who do not take and maintain Gospel ground.

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apl. 12 After exercises — marching &c we took our places in ranks when Elder Williams proposed to turn into freedom which we did with a hearty good will then Elder Wm spoke as follows "Do let us look pleasant about it put on a pleasant countenance be cheerful and take comfort. yea let us all laugh and put away this gloomy sour looking countenance — Why there is plenty of comfort to be taken in the way of God. There is plenty of room for us all to exercise our faculties and do good without being in another's way or feeling that we are hampered if we will pull together aright and in union. But we must not think

by a sour countenance to over-awe the faithful Nay, nay. Glory to God for his holy power to his people, we have this evening won a great victory in putting to flight this gloomy feeling I will praise God I will give him glory.— Now let us have a good meeting yet Brethren and Sisters. What do you say to this are you willing. Yea, said many voices and and we had after this a real good meeting with power of God and a loving time with many short and pithy testimonies

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1862 Sabbath Meeting at home.

Apl. 20 Elder William said there are many precious honest souls here who have an interest in the building up of the Gospel. We have the treasures of the Gospel abiding in us, and the gift of God with us which we can draw upon on all needful and proper occasions We ought to labor to be in union in all we do. This kind of feeling goes through the smallest minutia of life evening to sitting at table. Now when we go to meeting we stand up but some seem to want to lead off in another direction by sitting down when the leading influence in the family is standing. Some want it seems to be conspicuous they seem to wish to be the centre of a circle of influence in opposition to the leading influence of the family, but this ought not to be the case; but try as far as in us lies to avoid all such directions.

April 26 Saturday Evening (meeting) ——————

——Elder William said, Brethren and sisters this is a good time for us to consider our ways and think back for the past week whether we have walked according to the faith or not. The memory of all of us will serve us correctly this far back It is highly necessary we should keep up with our doings each one for himself or herself.

For if we get into a State of allowing ourselves to slip it will be a great evil to us and I do not believe it will do us much profit in the end. for God will bring us to an account for all these things

There are many little ways that Believers are apt to be led astray in common with other people if they are not awake in duty. Sometimes Believers do not speak the truth, dont represent things just as they are — that is one way some come short. Have we all been faithful in temporal things? Have we allowed no loss to be sustained in the temporal trust that has been committed to our care? Have we kept the watchword of the "Queen of Zion" "Hands to work and Hearts to God". Some spend too much time in going about from shop to shop getting and dealing out news to stir up mischief when they should be engaged in some hand labor to advance the temporal interests of the church. These and many such ways we are liable to be led astray and can only be restored by confession.

1862 May 4th Sabbath. _____

Elder Williams said, I really begin to feel burdened lest we do not answer the mind of God today I want to be in a labor to know and understand my duty. and to do what I do to the Glory of God I feel concerned lest we become settled down in too much indifference and lose our place in the work of God. Is there not danger of this? Have not other people lost their gift by not keeping alive and awake in their duty and is their any promise of God to us that we will be specially favored on this wise only thro' watchfulness and care laboring to be in our duty. Order is a great blessing to us and the more exact we keep the order as a people the more satisfaction we can take in the Gospel When we neglect order then we get into trouble so that it is for our interest to keep good order for the blessing it imparts to us. I once knew a young man who got tired of bearing his cross and so left his home here and turned to the world. He wrote me a letter and in it expressed his regrets for having left the way of God, he dwelt much on the blessings that flowed to Believers through the medium of their order He was able in his condemned state to show up advantages that I had not before thought of that we enjoyed by obedience to our order. So dear friends let us appreciate our advantages now while we are blessed with the protection good order affords.

May 7th (Wednesday Evening meeting). ———

Elder (William said. Brethren and Sisters. I do not feel much gift to have meeting according to the usual form of marching so many songs and dancing so many songs. It really feels to me we need to look more into our own several conditions and see how selfish we are and pray to God to give us eyes to see our own state and hearts, to feel after God for it does seem that the selfish principle is trying to rule the church at this time to an alarming extent I do wish the Brethren and Sisters would show their hand this evening and bear testimony against the besetting sin of selfishness. We will take our seats to see what the feeling will be. Several of the Brethren and sisters accordingly spoke in commendation of these sentiments, but some who ought to have spoken in support of the Testimony were silent. (What a weight this brings when those who are for ought to be forward in the work are hanging back.

It was further said when the unfaithful come here from other families they will gather to the unfaithful here in this family. They seem to be able to tell one another now Brethren & Sisters this makes it necessary that all should be awake and discern those who walk according to the Gospel and those who do not.

The boys were labored with that they should stand up when in meeting not have a sense that they were kept here for their work, but to teach them how to live so as to become good men. Also that they should be obedient to their caretaker

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May 18th Sabbath Chh. (meeting)

After the usual opening exercises Elder Williams remarked that we were glad to see the good brethren and sisters with us from White Water and North Union, hoped they would be free and give us anything they had that they thought would be of use and a blessing to us. Said we all felt (that is all who felt right) that we wanted to make a good impression on our friends in regard to the work of God amongst us here. Yea we feel the weight and importance of being in the Work of God faithful where the gift has called us. Several spoke with force and effect and towards the last while on our seats George King of White Water spoke at some length and with much feeling. altogether it was a refreshing time.

May 24 Saturday Evening (meeting. _____.

Elder Williams said. I feel a good spirit in meeting this evening and think we can take comfort and enjoyment in the way of God. he furthermore admonished us that "the Liberty of sons and daughters is what we are called into with what a zest can we relish the worships of God here if we have not been brought under bondage to the flesh in any way. Now my sense is here the Sisters have a right to seek for certain duties and kindnesses of Brethren and so Brethren of Sisters. These kindnesses and duties

acted out in a Gospel sense we call Gospel Liberties or among Gospel Liberties. But if they are acted out under any other sense as a sense of partiality to prefer some particular Brother or some particular Sister to all others This we call being brought under bondage. to the flesh, such ones can have but little spring or life in meeting - they are under bondage to the law of sin and death.
Now such a state we are called upon to reject and not be brought under any such bonds.
Why Sisters every one of you are called to live on holy ground and all who are right do live on it and so of Brethren, nor has any power any right to shift you off this sacred choice which we have made, and which has caused us so much sufferings and mortification to attain and maintain.
Now Brethren when Sisters offer you anything in the shape of partiality of any kind or nature, they make a pass to shift you off this holy ground, and then it becomes your duty as sons of God to resent all such demonstrations by the sword of the Spirit and
Sisters when any offer is made to shift your feet off this holy ground say nay Brother I respect you as a Brother so long as you keep your place but no more Within the sacred limits of this holy ground on which I stand I allow none to enter. My love esteems and kindness as a sister you shall have but all partiality I reject.

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August 3 Sabbath. ———————————

Yesterday the Eastern Ministry arrived here in the course of their pastoral visitations among the Western branches of the Church: The Ministry is composed at the present time of. Daniel Bowler. Giles. B. Avery, Betsy Bates and Eliza Ann Taylor. They met with us in the meeting house.

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Aug 10 Meeting in the Sanctuary

Much excellent counsel from the Eastern Ministry given kindly and feelingly as became the servants of God. The whole days ministration was indicative of much increase of good from the East, not only in communications made in the true spirit of the Gospel; but also in style manner and highly improved intellectual freedom force and energy. The Ministry not only as Men of God thoroughly furnished, but as intelligent men and women advancing nobly with the progression of the age, rising above the old conservative religion of years gone by, genteel in their manners dress and appearance and intelligent and eloquent in their communication with a constant aim fully manifest to do away with all selfish and sinister motives to action and build our hopes of future increase on the broad solid and permanent basis of mutual love and rational Union. Beginning at the true foundation of all Spiritual good, in a most thorough and honest confession of every known wrong and putting away all hardness

and uncharitable feelings, be they of new or of old standing. Standing in the light of God and his witnesses open and undisguised according to our most holy faith. Building up and supporting each other in our different vocations with an eye single to the benefit and blessing of the whole body without partiality or mental reserve acting up to these cardinal principles let no discouragement weaken our energies or any temporal distresses weaken or cause us to falter in the journey of life. Be strong and firm as men and women of God keeping Union according to the true spirit of Mother's Gospel and conscientiously discharging every sinnom duty and avoiding every encroachment of selfishness and sensuality and our path is plain before us leading directly to that quiet tranquil heaven of eternal rest where there are an infinite variety of mansions fitted and prepared for the righteous and faithful crossbearer. — This is a transcript of the Ministration of the day as the impression was made at the time, and it was recommended that this work of repentance and humiliation should begin at the head and be ministered in word and action from the very heads of the Chh. down to the youngest and least-experienced member so that all might be baptized into this river of love and Union, and rise out of the low regions of selfishness.

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Augst 17. Sabbath Chh. meeting. ———

In carrying out the gift of the Beloved Ministry of the East. Elder Williams made a public acknowledgement of public errors and desired forgiveness of the same. Ministry and Elders urged upon the people to come into the gift of repentance and confession which was laid out for us.

Aug 24. Sabbath Chh. meeting. ———

Elder Williams said. When I look around on my Brethren and Sisters and consider that we are called of God into this Gospel that our faith is the same and that we are all laboring in our measure to obey the requirements. That however short we may come at times of perfectly walking up to our faith it is comforting to know each is in the labor. Dear friends grateful we ought to be to God for this Gospel. When we contrast our privileges with those in other ages and dispensations and with the people that figured in them. then must we not all own that ours is a favored one. And today even now are Believers more favored than at any other time which has preceded this

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August 24th 1862. Sabbath Chh meeting. _____

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Augt 31st " Chh Meeting. _____

_____ Elder William said. _____

Brethren and Sisters who come to the Church from other Societies and families in this Society, often express themselves pleased and thankful for their privilege with the Chh. and they often tell us as Bro. Israel has on this occasion that we have made a great gain, but when they have been here a few weeks, they begin to feel their joy somewhat abated, they find mixed in with the joy they first felt somewhat of our disagreables. Now Brethren and Sisters I think that the reason of this is we expect too much of one another, (We dont make enough calculation to meet the failings of human nature. We forget that to this end we are called, that it is part of our business in the Gospel and part of its discipline to meet with trials, yea and trials one of another. Let us not feel when we meet these trials that some extra afflictions has happened to us, but let us get the idea that these very things in the nature of our relation are unavoidable

hence intended as part of our Gospel discipline
If we get this sense we will be able to take
comfort and enjoyment in tribulation.
There are none of us perfect that we do not need
the charity of others. The work of the Gospel
is to redeem us from our disagreables and
while this work is going on let us not think
strange if our internal commotions should
cause a boiling over occasionally, let us not get
discouraged if it should be so.

Sept 14th Sabb. Chh. (meeting) ———

Some of E. Williams Remarks.

Some were saying they did not feel discouraged
yet at the same time spoke of weakness and want
of strength in the body. Now I feel there are many
faithful souls here who make the interests of the
Gospel their interest. When I contrast the numbers
here today with a certain time in the Jewish
History in the days of Elijah the prophet where
he alone stood up before the king and all Israel
as an advocate for God. I have to conclude that
we are stronger here today for God than they
were then. And yet he was mighty through God
to the vindicating of Gods laws. ——

And thro. the instrumentality of this one man
Israel became rebaptized into the religion of
the true God. So we can see that God is able
thro small means to accomplish great ends.

Sept 21st Chh. (meeting).

Elder William said.

I feel thankful for the Testimony of Gods people against the wickedness of this generation. Yea I feel thankful for the Testimony of the first Witnesses who faithfully lived out their Testimony and to all who have faithfully kept the way from the first, and that I have been called into this way and have a part in it — called out from the course of nature and into the Liberty of the sons of God. Brethren and Sisters it feels to me that the children of this world are now being blessed thro' these few despised people of God; and also that they ought to rejoice for every one that is willing to join themselves to us to keep the way of God on the earth. (Destroy this Testimony off from the earth and what a desert would this globe present. Sometimes I feel that generations yet unborn will bless the faithful of this day who have toild and labored to build up the gospel, and dear friends seeing so great consequences rest with us let us come forth to the work of God and spend ourselves in his service freely).

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Sept. 27th Chh. Meeting. _____

_____ Elder Williams Said.

I feel that God has kept Covenant with his people. The Anthem just sung was given by the revelation of God 15 years ago in it we find a declaration of Gods judgments on the wicked also find a promise of God to his people that his protection should be extended over them. and cannot we say that God has kept Covenant with us surely he has and does not this call on us to be humble and obedient to all the Covenants we have ever made with God that we may deserve a continuation of his favor and protection &c &c

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Oct. 11 Saturday evening meeting. _____

Elder Williams requested the Brethren and Sisters to gather the sense away from the temporal burdens of time. If we have been faithful with our hands thro' the week and done our duty every way we so far have kept our justification and are now ready to give our sense to labor after spiritual life. - I feel as though I wished to turn away from a selfish sense a sense that cannot take pleasure in seeing my brethren and sisters taking comfort.

I feel that there are some here who feel sour when they see others enjoying comfort.

Now Brethren and Sisters we are called to free our

we are called to freedom. and ought not to be bound by the unfaithfulness of others. If we have done our duty faithfully why ought we to be bound by the unfaithfulness of others Some bear their cross against some special sin perhaps the flesh, and give way to their temper such ones are not in a state of justification. and they often use an influence to bind those who are justified and would be free. But I want the help of all the faithful in this good work.

Oct 19 Chh. meeting.

Elder William said.

I feel impressed to say a few words to those who are still unsettled in their faith. doubting that this is the work of God and who feel wounded at a plain testimony. Now Jesus was a man who lived a pure and holy life and he was able by the pureness of his life to bear a pointed testimony against the corruptions of the age in which he lived. It is said of Mother Ann that she lived the same pure life and bore the same pure Testimony against the corruptions of that day and people. Some say they are not certain that this is the last call of God that the evidences are not to their mind conclusive Now there were it seems a certain class of minds in the Savious's day that made the same excuse for Jesus said if any man will know of the

doctrine let him be a doer of the work. Now if this plan had the effect to fasten the wavering in the doctrine in Jesus' day why not have the same effect now. The work we would recommend to unsettled minds is to open the dark and hidden works of their lives by an honest confession of all known sin and prove for themselves if this will not bring the light of this Gospel clearly before the mind.
Many begin the work of Salvation on as little evidence as is presented to our minds and by taking the counsel of the Saviour are able to say they know his doctrine is from heaven and are satisfied with its saving influences We recommend to all a patient examination of this subject and by no means be in haste to decide on matters which are so serious in their nature as this Gospel is to every one of us.

Nov. 23rd. Sat. Chh. Meeting. ———
-After much speaking and laboring by the assembly and no proper opening seeming to come to dismiss meeting. Elder William requested the Brethren and Sisters to take their seats. At this time James Ball requested permission to walk around the floor and be free, to which he replied he might if it would obstruct no greater gift. Elder W. perceiving he had not much gift and that the assembly might get wearied he arose and spoke to him as follows. Bro. James

I have something to say to you and what I have to say I would not dare say to many. but I fel that you will receive it and it will do you no harm. He gave him liberty to say whatever he felt to. Elder W. said Well Bro. James I told you when you proposed to walk aromd on the floor. that you might if no greater gift was obstructed. Now Bro. I feel that your gift is out and it would be as well to sit down. He like a Christian took the gift kindly and sat down. Eld. W. afterward went to him, embraced him, kissed him and told him it was but few that would be able to stand what he had today. He seemed very joyful and thanked and blessed him and said he always wanted his elders to be free with him

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Dec. 14th Chh. Meeting. ———

——— After the opening exercises Elder William spoke as follows We are dear Brethren and Sisters brought under a further degree of obligations to God at this time of sincere and heartfelt thankfulness When we consider the mercies and favors of the Lord to his people throughout the land that so far he has protected his heritage in a very marvelous manner through dangers seen and unseen. Has not the Lord kept Covenant with his people here today. When we think of the dangers and apparent calamities which hung over, and

from all human appearance threatened with ruin our dear Gospel relations in the State of Kentucky we are led in the deepest humility to return our thanks to God. For the prayers of the chh. here in union with other Churches of our communion were raised in supplication to God that he would remember his Zion and for his peoples sake let his judgments pass lightly over. And here this day we have a witness in the person of our Beloved Brother Rufus (in whom we all have confidence) that the Lords judgments were light on his people compared with what calamities others suffered. For in all the afflictions of our dear Brethren & Sisters we deeply sympthazid and why should we not. For when one member of the body suffers all suffer and when one rejoices all rejoice. Now dear Bro Rufus we make you heartily welcome And in saying this I feel that I am giving expression to the common feeling of my Brethren & Sisters.

(Dec. 25th 1862 Thursday evening Meeting ———

——— Elder Williams made a few remarks on the proneness of mortals, when any gift is proposed to help us into freedom. Then the Spirit of opposition arises to oppose and bring us into bondage. The scriptures tell us of the children of the bond-woman and the children of the freewoman, and as the scriptures express it so we find it now.

But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the Scriptures? Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman. So then Brethren we are not children of the Bondwoman but of the free.

Decr 28th Sabb. (morning Meting.

The Holy Order in regard to keeping the Sabbath were read. Elder William requested Brethren and Sistirs to be more punctual in keeping the Sabbath holy. again in

" Ebb (Meeting same day. ———

——— The Sabbath is a day of sacred rest The Lord enjoind it on the Children of Israel in strong language saying. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy". "In it thou shalt do no manner of work" V. Also the Prophets enjoined it on the Children of Israel to sacredly regard the sabbath — one of the Prophets says "that the Israelites were sent into bondage to the Babylonians because they would not let the land rest from her labors that she might enjoy her sabbaths. therefore they were cast out of their own land and sent into a strange land so that the land might enjoy her years of rest. And it

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has always been enjoined on Believers to sacredly
regard this day, and not regard it as a day
that we are at Liberty to keep when we find
it convenient to keep it, and set it aside
when we dont find it convenient to observe
but let us regard the Sabbath that we may
be Blessed of God.

BY ANNIE HERBERT.

When the mists have rolled in splendor
  From the beauty of the hills,
And the sunshine, warm and tender,
  Falls in kisses on the rills,
We may read Love's shining letter
  In the rainbow of the spray,
We shall know each other better
  When the mists have cleared away,—
    We shall know as we are known,
    Nevermore to walk alone,
In the dawning of the morning,
  When the mists have cleared away.

If we err in human blindness
  And forget that we are dust,
If we miss the law of kindness
  When we struggle to be just,
Snowy wings of peace shall cover
  All the pain that hides away,
When the weary watch is over,
  And the mists have cleared away,—
    We shall know as we are known,
    Nevermore to walk alone,
In the dawning of the morning,
  When the mists have cleared away.

When the silvery mist has veiled us
  From the faces of our own,
Oft we deem their love has failed us,
  And we tread our path alone;
We should see them near and truly,
  We should trust them day by day,
Never love or blame unduly,
  If the mists were cleared away.
    We shall know as we are known,
    Nevermore to walk alone,
In the dawning of the morning,
  When the mists have cleared away.

When the mists have risen above us,
  As our Father knows His own,
Face to face with those that love us,
  We shall know as we are known;
Love, beyond the Orient meadows,
  Floats the golden fringe of day;
Heart to heart we bide the shadows
  Till the mists have cleared away.
    We shall know as we are known,
    Nevermore to walk alone,
When the Day of Light is dawning,
  And the mists have cleared away.

Four Ways of Treating Sin.

There are four ways in which we may treat sinful men; four ways in which men actually do treat sinful men: the way of the wolf, the way of the bison, the way of the bee, and the way of Dariat. When a wolf in the pack falls, all the other wolves pounce on him and tear him to pieces. And that is the way some men treat a man when he has gone wrong. They pull him down, tear him limb from limb, rend him, roll his iniquity as a sweet morsel under their tongue, rejoice in his iniquity. And these are the very men who are afraid, forsooth! that forgiveness will tend to take away the sanctions of justice and let men free. When a bison falls in his track, the bisons do not turn upon him and rend him, they leave him alone and sweep on in their course. And that is the second way men treat a man gone wrong. Put him in gaol, turn the key on him, bury him in oblivion, forget him, and the great tide of life sweeps on. It is the indifference and unconcern of absolute selfishness. Then there is the way of the bee. When the drones get too numerous, and cannot be endured any longer, the bees rush upon them and sting them to death, and then shove them out of the hive. So long as sin is not very objectionable, very troublesome, leave it alone; when it really takes such shape as to threaten our hive, we will get rid of it, and then we will go on making our honey. The way of the wolf, the way of the bison, the way of the bee—and the way of Dariat. The sinful man is my brother; sin has not broken the bonds of brotherhood. He needs me, and therefore I need him; he wants my help, and therefore I want to give him my help. My work in life! It is not to make money, bonds, stocks, it is to make men; and the man that most needs the making, he is the man that shall have my help, my love, my sympathy—and my coddling—not my palliation, not my extenuation, but my real Christian help.—*Rev. Lyman Abbott.*

The Right Hope of the New Year.

It is a right feeling which regards the transition from year to year as a point of spiritual significance. The years are the portions into which God divides our lives by the order of nature. However conventional the line by which we divide the old from the new, we yet must feel, in crossing it, that we are taking a significant step, and one which invites us to thought. The use of the word "year" in the Bible is very significant in this respect. Of course, it often stands for no more than a chronological division of time for convenience of enumeration. But elsewhere, as in the Book of Job and the Ninetieth Psalm, it gives weight to some of the most solemn admonitions contained in the revealing Word.

But there is another side of New Year's [illegible] is not less significant. [illegible] hopeful wishes. The new [illegible] up with our hopes. While [illegible] in an which shrinks timidly from change, and clings to the things already attained, there are deeper and truer instincts which stretch forward to a future of nobler possibilities and grander results. Each coming of a new year is a new opening for hope. And hope, when it is wisely directed to its right ends, is a Christian grace as truly as is love or faith. It is one of the instincts of the spirit which lead toward God. The Apostle invokes the blessing of "the God of hope" upon the Ephesian Church, and speaks of hope as a means of salvation. It is not a matter of indifference whether we are hopeful or not. It is a part of a really Christian way of looking at things, although many good people fail to see it thus, and incline to put despondency in its place among the graces of the Christian character.

God's Voice to the Children.

It would not be strange amid the thousand field notes that rise from the Bible like the tones of myriad instruments in mighty orchestras if some of the more delicate and spiritual ones should only be distinguished after long listening and much training in the power to discriminate one and another separate sound in the general harmony. [illegible] sometimes call for us some sweet strain, that soars above the rest, clear as a bird's carol, while yet the great chorus of instruments keeps up its strong but for the time subdued accompaniment—all the harmony of God's love and justice, His loving kindness and His tender mercies, sounding as a swelling sea of music, a background for the particular notes of beauty which our hearts hear alone distinctly.

Such a strain, distinct and thrilling, sounding clearly, through the fulness of the Father's love to men, is the thought that God the Father holds specially close and endearing relations to the little children. What a flood of light and encouragement pours over all our efforts for the young, when we consider how consonant all divine truth is to the little yet great heart of childhood! Children can and do receive these eternal teachings with an understanding and a simplicity of belief that is oftentimes denied to them as they grow older, when the sense of immortality and of infinity in them becomes hedged in, dark and untrustworthy. How bright and beautiful is all work with those who are so near to God! God is tenderly and powerfully near to little children. Let us believe it. Let us work in accordance with this biblical teaching, and let it aid our faith as we tell them the story of the Cross—so wonderful in its heights and depths of love, that it must be no other than God that opens it to any human soul.—*Sunday School Times.*

Sister Rilla A. Pettis, Rapid City, S. Dak., sends aid and writes: "Please accept the enclosed for the Home. I wish it were many times more. May the united offerings of His children place the Home far beyond need, is my prayer. Yours in His name."

Sister H. E. Erb, Peabody, Kans., sends aid and writes: "Please accept the enclosed for the Home. May the dear Master take this small offering, which is given as unto Him, and multiply it till it meets all the needs of the Orphanage, is my prayer. Yours in Jesus' name."

Sister J. Hazard, New York, N. Y., sends aid and writes: "It affords me great pleasure to be able just now to send you the enclosed offering to the Home. Trusting that you may be abundantly blessed in the donations sent in, and that your expectations may be fully realized to enable you to carry on your noble work, I am yours very sincerely."

Sister Jno. H. Gordon, Cheyenne, Wyo., sends aid and writes: "I send you an offering in the name of Him who said 'Suffer little children to come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.' I send it with an earnest prayer for you in your lonely time, trusting you have found grace to overcome your very sad bereavement. Your sister in the good cause."

Sister T. D. Trusty, Fort Dodge, Ia., sends aid and writes: "Our pastor made a proposition to each class in our Sabbath school to make a free-will offering to some charitable institution, and as I have great interest in your Home, I made the motion for our Bible class to send our offering to the Christian Home at Council Bluffs. The motion was carried, and the pastor, Rev. W. I. Suckow, turned the money over to me to send, and I herewith do so, with the best wishes of our school. Yours for the good work."